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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **The Philip Goldson International Airport Successfully Reopens**

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October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 ushered in a positive start to the phased re-opening of the Philip S. W. Goldson International Airport (PGIA) by welcoming 82 arrivals. Today, 140 travellers are expected to arrive aboard United Airlines and American Eagle flights.

The Belize borders have been opened for the repatriation of nationals since June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and yesterday, opened to international travelers. This successful opening was made possible by efforts across the public and private sector to prioritize the safety of those arriving and those on the ground welcoming passengers to Belize.

While Belize is open for tourism and other international visitors, there are some entry requirements including a negative COVID-19 test result. The Ministry of Health confirmed that there were no positive COVID-19 test results from the tests done at the airport. Nonetheless, Belizeans, permanent residents and all others heading into the community are expected to self-quarantine at home for 10 days and are strongly encouraged to wear masks, maintain social distancing of six feet where possible, regularly wash hands, refrain from touching the eyes, nose or mouth, and carefully disinfect and regularly wipe down all shared surfaces for their safety and the safety of those around them.

Persons planning to enter Belize by air via the PGIA must:

- Register your intention to return to Belize at <https://prescreentravel.covid19.bz/Home/Landing>

Certain categories of travellers will require clearance. Requirements pertaining to types of travellers are also available at the link above.

- Download and complete the Belize Travel Health App and save the QR Code and TRIP number issued to show your airline at check-in and upon entry to Belize.

<http://reporting.covid19.bz:8080/apex/f?p=141:2>

\*Belizean nationals and permanent residents need not register to enter via PGIA but must complete the Belize Travel Health App.

It should be noted that in this third reopening phase that other than cargo, land and sea ports of entry remain closed to travellers at this time. Therefore, persons needing to enter or depart Belize via Benque Viejo del Carmen or Corozal must continue to obtain clearance via [repatriation@mfa.gov.bz](mailto:repatriation@mfa.gov.bz) to coordinate their safe transit.

The Government of Belize expresses appreciation for the support of the airline industry for their commitment to keeping Belize as a partner. This marks an important moment in Belize's efforts to encourage economic re-growth while safeguarding the health of all Belizeans and visitors during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

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