

ADVISORY: CHANGE IN PROTOCOL FOR THE BLUES LANES INITIATIVE

14 May 2021: In light of the current COVID-19 outbreak on Viti Levu, Fiji, the COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Taskforce (CRMT) has now put in place additional protocols for the Blue Lanes initiative to ensure that the Fijian population, and travellers under the initiative are protected.

As such, effective immediately, all yachts, crew and passengers approved to enter Fiji are advised that they **can only disembark at the port of clearance. While cruising around the maritime islands is permitted, no passenger or crew may disembark at any other ports or maritime islands, including uninhabited ones.**

For instance, if a yacht clears at Savusavu Bay and travels to other islands, they must return to Savusavu Bay or anchor in the ocean. They must not disembark on Viti Levu or any other island, including those that are uninhabited.

Further to the above, all crew and passenger must download the careFIJI mobile application and keep the device Bluetooth turned on at all times.

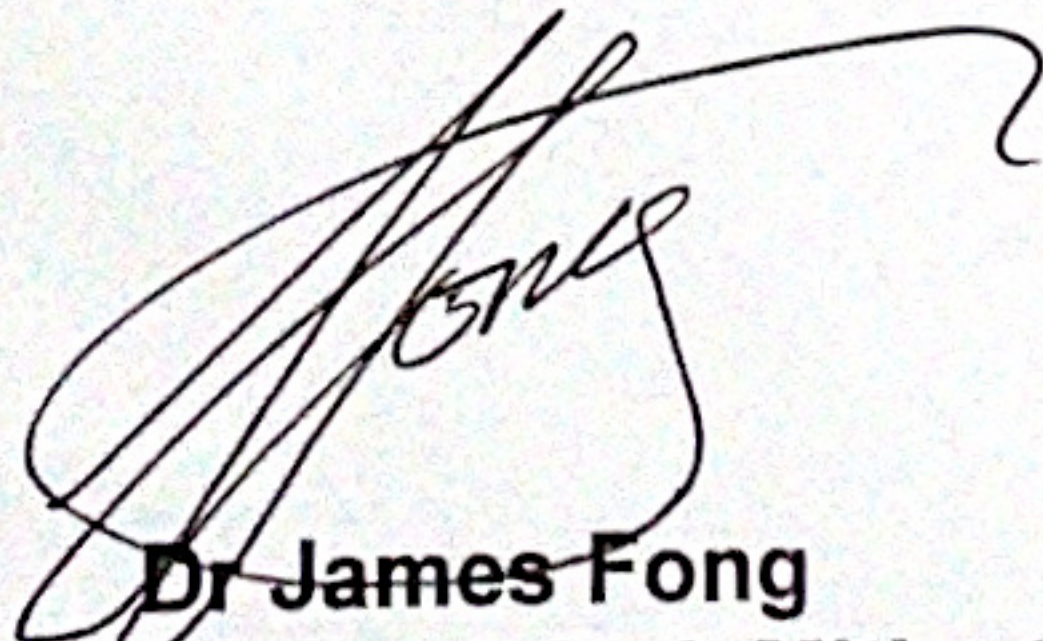
These protocols reinforce Fiji's containment efforts and remain in place until further notice.

Port Denarau Marina, Nadi and Savusavu Bay remain the designated ports that will serve as clearance ports and quarantine anchorage for yachts under supervision by Fijian health officials and members of Fiji's disciplined forces. Passengers' onboard yachts bound for Fiji must adhere to Fiji's rigorous quarantine protocols, including COVID-19 pre-departure testing, 14 days of quarantine at sea or in harbour, border quarantine exit testing and no disembarkation at any of the maritime islands, including those that are uninhabited.

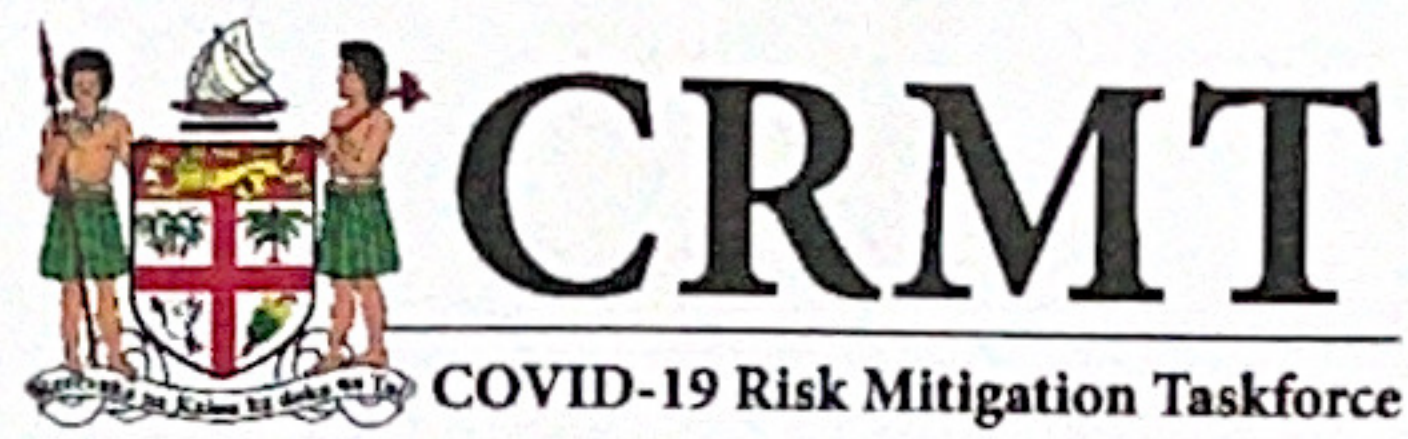
Fiji's Blue Lanes remains the safest and most sustainable tourism pathway in the world and will continue to serve as the Pacific's hub for blue tourism throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

In this regard, the CRMT requests all relevant authorities to inform mariners of the change in the protocol under the Blue Lanes initiative.

We look forward to your support.



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