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To 2020 Entrants,

As we prepare to attend this year's St Barth's Bucket, we would like to encourage some consistency and best practices among our attendees with respect to COVID-19. Earlier today, I posted an updated travel restriction from St Maarten that refused transit to passengers "who have been in the last 14 days visiting the cities and or countries of China (People's Rep.), Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, Japan, South Korea and Singapore". The full St Maarten release can be found below.

Although the Bucket is not in a position to establish public policy or enforce travel restrictions, we would like to assure the local governments and residents that our visitors are acting in a manner consistent with local expectations. As a result, we are asking that all participants notify the Bucket organizers if any of your intended guests or crew will be unable to meet a similar 14 day restriction. In such cases, we will make every effort to communicate the circumstances to St Barth's authorities and ensure that appropriate arrangements are made to avoid any unplanned conditions upon arrival.

Of note, the Bucket Organizer was proactive weeks ago, substituting race committee and shoreside team members from high risk countries. The Stewards will continue to monitor and gauge the situation daily, and we are currently evaluating some of the shoreside Bucket functions. We will keep captains apprised of any changes and updates.

The government of St Barths is taking the prudent action of questioning all who arrive at the airport, ferry and port about their state of health and recent travels. We are very fortunate that there have been no new reports of COVID-19 in St Barth's since the single case was reported over a week ago. Naturally, we would all like to see that record continue and your cooperation is sincerely appreciated.

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St Maarten press release link: http://www.sintmaartengov.org/PressReleases/Pages/Prime-Minister-Silveria-Jacobs-National-Address-on-COVID-19.aspx