



COVID-19

International Travel to and from the United States

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On March 10, 2023, CDC [removed](#) the requirement for air passengers from China, Hong Kong or Macau to show a negative COVID-19 test or documentation of recovery before boarding a flight to the United States.

ALL TRAVELERS

This page is for all international travelers including U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, U.S. lawful permanent residents, immigrants, and non-U.S. citizens who are not U.S. immigrants.

What You Need to Know

- **Protect yourself and others from COVID-19:**
 - Get [up to date](#) with your COVID-19 vaccines before you travel.
 - Consider getting tested [before](#) travel.
 - Follow CDC's [recommendations for wearing masks in travel and public transportation settings](#).
 - Get tested [after](#) arrival.
- Countries may have their own [entry and exit requirements](#) [↗](#).
- **Non-U.S. citizen, non-U.S. immigrants:** You **must** show proof of being [fully vaccinated](#) with the primary series of an [accepted COVID-19 vaccine](#) before you board your flight to the United States. Only limited exceptions apply.



Travel Assessment

A tool to help you know the requirements to board a flight to the United States.


[Get Started](#)

Land Travel

For information about COVID-19 requirements for land travel and at ferry terminals, visit the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's [Fact Sheet: Guidance for Travelers to Enter the U.S. at Land Ports of Entry and Ferry Terminals](#). [↗](#)

Before You Leave the United States


Make sure to plan ahead:

- Get **up to date** with your COVID-19 vaccines before you travel.
 - Find out [when you can get your booster](#) and where to get a [vaccine or booster](#).
 - COVID-19 vaccines are effective at protecting people—especially those who are boosted— from getting seriously ill, being hospitalized, and even dying.
- Follow all requirements of transportation operators (such as airlines, [cruise lines](#), buses) and any requirements, including mask wearing, proof of vaccination, or testing [at your destination](#)  .
 - Requirements in other countries may differ from U.S. requirements. If you do not follow your destination’s requirements, you may be denied entry and required to return to the United States.
- If you have a [weakened immune system](#) or [are at increased risk for severe disease](#), take multiple prevention steps to provide additional layers of protection from COVID-19 even if you are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines.
 - Talk to your healthcare provider about your risk before travel and consider delaying travel to areas with high COVID-19 levels. Even if you are up to date, you should know what [precautions](#) to take.
- If you will be visiting someone who is at higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19, learn [how to protect them](#).



Testing

RECOMMENDED

- Consider getting tested with a [viral test](#) as close to the time of departure as possible (no more than 3 days) **before** travel.
 - Make sure you know your test results before travel.
 - Don’t travel if your test result is positive.
 - Find a [U.S. COVID-19 testing location near you](#)  or use a [self-test](#).
 - If you already had COVID-19 within the past 90 days, see [specific testing recommendations](#).

Can I travel if ...?

I am sick with or [tested positive](#) for COVID-19 and am recommended to [isolate](#).

- Do NOT travel.
- Follow recommendations for [isolation](#).

I have ended isolation but still need to continue wearing my mask per [CDC’s guidance](#).

- Do not travel on public transportation such as airplanes, buses, and trains if you will not be able to wear a high-quality mask or respirator when around others indoors for the full duration of your trip.
- If you travel, wear a high-quality [mask](#) or respirator the entire time you are around others indoors.
- Traveling by private vehicle (if possible) can lower the chances of spreading COVID-19 to others.

I was exposed to a person with COVID-19 in the past 10 days.


- Follow [CDC guidance](#), including getting tested at least 5 full days after your last exposure.
- Do not travel on public transportation such as airplanes, buses, and trains if you will not be able to wear a high-quality mask or respirator when around others indoors for the full duration of your trip.
- If you travel, wear a high-quality [mask](#) or respirator the entire time you are around others indoors.
- Traveling by private vehicle (if possible) can lower the chances of spreading COVID-19 to others.

During Travel

Protect Yourself and Others



RECOMMENDED

- Follow CDC's [recommendations for wearing masks in travel and public transportation settings](#).
- Follow [recommendations for protecting yourself and others](#).
- Follow all recommendations and requirements at your [destination](#) .

Before You Travel to the United States



Testing – ALL Travelers

RECOMMENDED

If traveling from locations where the U.S. does not require proof of a negative COVID-19 test result before travel:

- Consider getting tested with a [viral test](#) as close to the time of departure as possible (no more than 3 days) **before** travel.
 - If you already had COVID-19 within the past 90 days, see [specific testing recommendations](#).
- Make sure you know your test results before travel.
 - Don't travel if your test result is positive.

Non-U.S. Citizen, Non-U.S. Immigrants

Proof of Vaccination

REQUIRED

Air Travel: All non-U.S. citizen, non-U.S. immigrants traveling to the United States by air are required to show proof of being [fully vaccinated](#) against COVID-19. Only [limited exceptions](#) apply. Learn more about this [requirement](#) and [accepted vaccines](#).

If you are not [fully vaccinated](#) and allowed to travel to the United States by air through an exception, you **will be required** to sign an attestation (legal statement) **before you board your flight** to the United States stating you meet the exception. Depending on the type of [exception](#), you may also have to state you have arranged to take certain protective measures.

For more information see [Requirement for Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination for Air Passengers](#).



Contact Information – ALL Travelers

REQUIRED

All air passengers to the United States are required to [provide contact information](#) to airlines before boarding flights to the United States.

- This strengthens a travel process already in place to rapidly identify and contact people in the U.S. who may have been exposed to a communicable disease, such as COVID-19.
- Access to travelers' contact information will allow U.S. federal, state, territorial and local health departments, and agencies to share appropriate health and public health information necessary to help keep the public safe.

After Arrival in the United States



ALL Travelers

RECOMMENDED

- Get tested with a [viral test](#) 3-5 days after arrival.
 - Find a [U.S. COVID-19 testing location near you](#) or use a [self-test](#).
 - If you already had COVID-19 within the past 90 days, see [specific testing recommendations](#).
- Monitor yourself for [COVID-19 symptoms](#).
- Follow [additional guidance](#) if you know you were exposed to a person with COVID-19.
- Follow all [state, tribal, local and territorial](#) recommendations or requirements after arrival.
- If you are going to be around someone who is at [higher risk of getting very sick](#) with COVID-19, [consider additional precautions](#).

If Your Test Result is Positive or You Develop COVID-19 Symptoms

[Isolate](#) yourself to protect others from getting infected. Learn [what to do](#) and when it is safe to be around others.

Non-U.S. Citizen, Non-U.S. immigrants who are **not fully vaccinated** and allowed to travel to the United States by air through an exception **must** follow requirements of the attestation they signed before boarding their flight. For more information, see [Requirement for Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination for Air Passengers](#).

More Information

[Required Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions about Travel and COVID-19](#)

[Health Information for International Destinations](#)

[Domestic Travel During COVID-19](#)

[US State Department Travel Site](#) : Safety and security information by country, passport, visas, and entry/exit requirements

[US Customs and Border Protection](#) : Information about what you can and cannot bring back from your trip abroad

[US Embassies](#) : In-country contacts

[Transportation Security Administration \(TSA\)](#) : Information about flying