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COVID-19

Non-U.S. Citizen, Non-U.S. Immigrants: Travel to and from the United States

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What You Need to Know

- Make sure you are **up to date** with your COVID-19 vaccines before you travel internationally.
- You **must** be fully vaccinated with the primary series of an accepted COVID-19 vaccine to travel to the United States by plane if you are a non-U.S. citizen, non-U.S. immigrant (not a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, lawful permanent resident, or traveling to the United States on an immigrant visa). Only limited exceptions apply.
- You are required to show a negative COVID-19 test result or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 when you travel to the United States by air.
- Wearing a mask over your nose and mouth is required in indoor areas of public transportation (including airplanes) traveling into, within, or out of the United States and indoors in U.S. transportation hubs (including airports).

U.S. Citizens, U.S. Nationals, Lawful Permanent Residents, and Immigrants

If you are a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, lawful permanent resident, or immigrant, visit [U.S. Citizens, U.S. Nationals, Lawful Permanent Residents, and Immigrants: Travel to and from the United States](#) for requirements before arriving in the United States.



Find out what is required when traveling to the United States by air.

Make sure you are **up to date** with your COVID-19 vaccines before you travel internationally. Getting vaccinated is still the best way to protect yourself from severe disease and slow the spread of COVID-19. People who are not vaccinated and up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines should follow additional recommendations **before**, **during**, and **after** travel.

If you are a non-U.S. citizen, non-U.S. immigrant and not **fully vaccinated**, you will not be allowed to enter the United States. Only **limited exceptions apply** to the requirement to show proof of vaccination. A booster dose is not needed to meet this requirement.

Are You Fully Vaccinated for Travel to the United States?

You are considered fully vaccinated:

- 2 weeks (14 days) after your dose of an accepted single-dose vaccine
- 2 weeks (14 days) after your second dose of an accepted 2-dose series
- 2 weeks (14 days) after you received the full series of an accepted COVID-19 vaccine (not placebo) in a clinical trial
- 2 weeks (14 days) after you received 2 doses of any “mix-and-match” combination of [accepted COVID-19 vaccines](#) administered at least 17 days apart*

If you don’t meet these requirements, you are NOT considered fully vaccinated to travel to the United States. A booster dose is not needed to meet this requirement.

A person who has received only one dose of an accepted 2-dose series and has recovered from COVID-19 does not meet this definition, and therefore is NOT considered fully vaccinated for travel to the United States.

*CDC has not recommended the use of mix-and-match COVID-19 vaccine primary series. However, such strategies are increasingly common in many countries outside of the United States. Therefore, for the purpose of interpreting vaccination records for travel to the United States, CDC will accept combinations of [accepted COVID-19 vaccines](#).

Before You Leave the United States

Make sure to plan ahead:

- Check the current [COVID-19 situation at your destination](#).
- Follow all requirements of conveyance operators (such as airlines, cruise lines, buses) as well as any [requirements at your destination](#) [↗](#), whether traveling by air, land, or sea, including mask wearing, proof of vaccination, testing, or quarantine. Requirements 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.



Testing

RECOMMENDED

- If you are not vaccinated and **up to date** with your COVID-19 vaccines, get tested with a [viral test](#) as close to the time of departure as possible (no more than 3 days) **before** you travel.
 - Find a [U.S. COVID-19 testing location near you](#) [↗](#).

Do NOT travel if...

- You are [sick](#).
- You [tested positive](#) for COVID-19.
 - Do not travel until a full 10 days after your symptoms started or the date your positive test was taken if you had no [symptoms](#).
- You are waiting for results of a COVID-19 test.
- You had close contact with a person with COVID-19 and **are recommended** to [quarantine](#).
 - Do not travel until a full 5 days after your last close contact with the person with COVID-19. It is best to avoid travel for a full 10 days after your last exposure.
 - If you must travel during days 6 through 10 after your last exposure:
 - [Get tested](#) at least 5 days after your last close contact. Make sure your test result is negative and you remain without [symptoms](#) before traveling. If you don’t get tested, avoid travel until a full 10 days after your last close contact with a person with COVID-19.

- Properly wear a [well-fitting mask](#) when you are around others for the entire duration of travel during days 6 through 10. If you are unable to wear a mask, you should not travel during days 6 through 10.

If you had close contact with a person with COVID-19 but are NOT recommended to [quarantine...](#)

- [Get tested](#) at least 5 days after your last close contact. Make sure your test result is negative and you remain without [symptoms](#) before traveling.
- If you travel during the 10 days after your last exposure, properly wear a [well-fitting mask](#) when you are around others for the entire duration of travel during the 10 days. If you are unable to wear a mask, you should not travel during the 10 days.

During Travel



Masks

REQUIRED

- [Wearing a mask over your nose and mouth is required](#) in indoor areas of public transportation (including on airplanes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation) traveling into, within, or out of the United States and indoors in U.S. transportation hubs (including airports and stations). Travelers are not required to wear a mask in outdoor areas of a conveyance (like on open deck areas of a ferry or the uncovered top deck of a bus).



Protect Yourself and Others

RECOMMENDED

- Follow all recommendations and requirements at your [destination](#) [↗](#), including properly wearing a [well-fitting mask](#) and following [recommendations for protecting yourself and others](#).
- [Wash your hands](#) often with soap and water or use [hand sanitizer](#) with at least 60% alcohol.

Before You Travel to the United States

Land Travel

For information about COVID-19 requirements for land travel, 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](#). [↗](#)



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.](#)



Testing – ALL Travelers

REQUIRED

Before boarding a flight to the United States, you are required to show a negative COVID-19 test result taken no more than 1 day before travel. There is also an option for people who have documented recovery from COVID-19 in the past 90 days.

Children under 2 years old do not need to test.

Learn more about these [requirements](#).



Contact Information – ALL Travelers

REQUIRED

All air passengers to the United States will also be 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, and local health departments, and agencies to share appropriate health and public health information necessary to help keep the public safe.



Documentation

REQUIRED

As a reminder, be sure to have your required documents, such as your passport and any visa or other entry/residency documentation. All Visa Waiver Program travelers must have a valid, approved Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) for travel to the United States. The United States Government recommends travelers log in and review their ESTA status in advance of travel. Visit <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov> [for more information](#).

After Arrival in the United States



If you are **not** fully vaccinated and allowed to travel to the United States by air through an exception, you may be required to attest to some or all of the following measures.

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

REQUIRED

- Get tested with a [viral test](#) 3-5 days after arrival, unless you have documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 in the past 90 days.
- Stay at home or in your hotel room and self-quarantine for a full 7 days, even if you test negative, unless you have documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 in the past 90 days.
- [Isolate](#) if your test result is positive or you develop [COVID-19 symptoms](#).
- If you intend to stay in the United States for 60 days or longer, you must become fully vaccinated against COVID-19 within 60 days of arriving in the United States or as soon as medically appropriate, unless you have a medical contraindication or are [too young to be vaccinated](#).



If you are fully vaccinated but not up to date with your vaccines

RECOMMENDED

- Stay home and self-quarantine for a full **5 days** after travel.
- Follow additional recommendations below for ALL travelers.



For ALL Travelers

RECOMMENDED

- Get tested with a COVID-19 [viral test](#) 3-5 days after travel.
 - Find a [U.S. COVID-19 testing location near you](#) [for more information](#).
- Self-monitor for [COVID-19 symptoms](#); [isolate](#) and get tested if you develop symptoms.
- Follow all [state, tribal, local and territorial](#) recommendations or requirements after travel.

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](#).



If You Recovered from COVID-19 Recently

If you recovered from a documented COVID-19 infection **within the past 90 days (regardless of vaccination status)**, you do NOT need to get a test 3-5 days after travel. You also do not need to self-quarantine after travel. If you develop [COVID-19 symptoms](#) after travel, [isolate](#) and consult with a healthcare provider for testing recommendations.

More Information

[Domestic Travel During the COVID-19](#)

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

[Requirement for Proof of Negative COVID-19 Test or Documentation of Recovery from COVID-19](#)

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