



COVID-19

U.S. Citizens, U.S. Nationals, U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents, and 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.**
- Check your destination's COVID-19 situation and travel requirements before traveling. Countries may have their own entry and exit requirements.
- When you travel to the United States by air, you are required to show a negative COVID-19 test result or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 before you board your flight.
- 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).

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

If you are a non-U.S. citizen, non-U.S. immigrant (not a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, lawful permanent resident, or immigrant) traveling to the United States, visit [Non-U.S. Citizen, Non-U.S. Immigrants: Travel to and from the United States](#) for **requirements** before boarding a flight to the United States.



Find out what is required before 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.

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** your trip.
 - 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 Traveling 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](#) .



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.

After Arrival in the United States

You might have been exposed to COVID-19 on your travels, whether you traveled by air, land, or sea. You might feel well and not have any symptoms, but you can still be infected and spread the virus to others. For this reason, CDC recommends the following:



If You Are NOT Vaccinated and Up to Date with your COVID-19 Vaccines

RECOMMENDED

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



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](#). 
- 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

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

[COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Destination](#)

[Health Information for International Destinations](#)

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

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