Airline Checklist:
How to Confirm Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination (as applicable)

Purpose: To help airlines confirm noncitizen nonimmigrant passengers' COVID-19 vaccination (as applicable) before

---

Testing Order: Beginning January 5, at 12:01AM ET, there are new requirements for air passengers 2 years of age and older traveling to the United States from China, Hong Kong, or Macau, and those traveling from Seoul, Toronto, and Vancouver who have been in China, Hong Kong, or Macau in the past 10 days.

These passengers, regardless of citizenship or vaccination status, are required to show a negative COVID-19 test result taken no more than 2 days before their flight departs. Those who had COVID-19 in the 90 days before their travel to the United States can instead show documentation of recovery from COVID-19. For more information, see [Order: Requirements for Negative Pre-Departure COVID-19 Test Result or Documentation of Recovery from COVID-19 for Aircraft Passengers Traveling to the United States from the People's Republic of China | Quarantine | CDC](#).

The requirements of this Order **do not apply to crew members** of airlines or other aircraft operators while on official duty status (operating aircraft or positioning/deadheading†). Airlines and other aircraft operators should follow relevant CDC [guidance](#) for their staff.

First check if the passenger is a Covered Individual. *Covered Individuals* (i.e., noncitizen nonimmigrants) are those who are required to present proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before boarding a flight to the U.S. from a foreign country to meet the requirements of the *[Amended Order Implementing Presidential Proclamation on Safe Resumption of Global Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)*.

☐ **Is the passenger one of the following Covered Individuals? If yes, proceed to** *Part 1 (proof of vaccination). If passenger is not a covered individual, stop. No further action is needed.*

- *Covered Individuals* include:
    - Any non-U.S. citizen seeking to enter the United States by air travel with a nonimmigrant visa listed in "Nonimmigrant Visa Categories" on the U.S. Department of State's [Directory of Visa Categories](#), as well as K nonimmigrant visa holders
    - Any non-U.S. citizen seeking to enter the United States by air travel who has been granted an [Electronic System for Travel Authorization](#) (ESTA) as part of the [Visa Waiver Program](#)
    - Any non-U.S. citizen seeking to enter the United States by air travel as a nonimmigrant under the [Guam-Commonwealth of the Northern Marina Islands (CNMI) Visa Waiver Program](#)
    - Any non-U.S. citizen otherwise seeking to enter the United States by air travel as a nonimmigrant in any other category exempt from the general requirement to present a nonimmigrant visa for admission (e.g., certain Canadian nationals).

Part 1 does not affect several groups, including:
- Non-U.S. citizens eligible for asylum
- Non-U.S. citizens eligible for withholding of removal
- Non-U.S. citizens eligible for protection under the regulations issued pursuant to the legislation implementing the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
- Non-U.S. citizens admitted to the United States as refugees
- Persons with a visa 92 or 93 (Follow-to-Join) status
- Non-U.S. citizens granted parole into the United States

Once you have completed *Part 1 (proof of vaccination),* **proceed to** *Part 2 (passenger attestation).*

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases

*Covered Individuals who do not have proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or meet the requirements (including documentation) for an exception must be **denied boarding.***

Check if passenger has proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19. See checklist below.

- **If passenger does not have proof of being fully vaccinated, passenger must meet criteria for an exception to this requirement, and show appropriate documentation, to board a flight to the U.S.** (See Annex for details and documentation needed for exceptions). Exceptions to this requirement are the following:
    - Certain categories of persons on diplomatic or official foreign government travel
    - Children under 18 years of age
    - Participants in certain COVID-19 vaccine trials
    - Persons with medical contraindications to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine
    - Persons issued a humanitarian or emergency exception
    - Persons with valid nonimmigrant visas (excluding B-1 [business] or B-2 [tourism] visas) who are citizens of a country with limited COVID-19 vaccine availability
    - Members of the U.S. Armed Forces or their spouses or children (under 18 years of age)
    - Sea crew members traveling pursuant to a C-1 and D nonimmigrant visa
    - Persons whose entry would be in the U.S. national interest

How to check if passenger has proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19:

☐ **TYPE OF VACCINATION RECORD: Passenger must show acceptable proof of COVID-19 vaccination.**
See table 1. All forms of proof of COVID-19 vaccination must have:
- The personal identifiers (full name plus at least one other identifier such as date of birth or passport number) on the proof of vaccination match the personal identifiers on the passenger's passport or other travel identification document **AND**
- The name of official source issuing the record (e.g., public health agency, government agency, or other authorized vaccine provider) is provided **AND**
- Vaccine manufacturer and date(s) of vaccination; see "vaccine type" and "fully vaccinated" part of checklist **AND**
- The passenger meets CDC's definition of Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19. See "fully vaccinated" portion of checklist.

Table 1: Acceptable Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination		
Acceptable Documentation Type	**Examples**	**Review Process**
Verifiable records (digital or paper)	• Vaccination certificate with QR code‡ • Digital pass via Smartphone application with QR code‡ (e.g., United Kingdom National Health Service COVID Pass, European Union Digital COVID Certificate)	• Digitally scan or manually review the credential to determine record was issued by an official source (e.g., public health agency, government agency, or other authorized vaccine provider) in the country where the vaccine was administered **AND** • Determine if the passenger meets CDC's definition for fully vaccinated (see below).
Non-verifiable paper records	• Printout of COVID-19 vaccination record or a COVID-19 vaccination certificate issued at national or subnational level or by an authorized vaccine provider • The CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record card	• Determine record was issued by an official source (e.g., public health agency, government agency, or other authorized vaccine provider) in the country where the vaccine was administered **AND** • Check for evidence the record is genuine (e.g., water marks, seals, signatures, documented site of administration) **AND** • Determine if the passenger meets CDC's definition for fully vaccinated (see below)
Non-verifiable digital records	• Digital photos of vaccination card or record • Downloaded vaccination record or vaccination certificate from official source (e.g., public health agency, government agency, or other authorized vaccine provider) • A mobile phone application without a QR code‡	

☐ **VACCINE TYPE: Passenger must show accepted type of COVID-19 vaccine.**

Accepted COVID-19 vaccines are vaccines currently authorized for emergency use or approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), or emergency use listed or approved by the World Health Organization (WHO). See table 2.

Table 2: Accepted COVID-19 Vaccines			
Number of doses	**Vaccines Approved or Authorized by the FDA**	**Vaccines Listed for Emergency Use (EUL) by WHO**	**Certain Clinical Trial Vaccines Which Have Confirmed Efficacy**
Single dose	• Janssen/J&J	• Janssen/J&J • Convidecia (CanSinoBIO)	
2-dose series	• Comirnaty (Pfizer-BioNTech) • Spikevax (Moderna)	• Comirnaty (Pfizer-BioNTech) • Spikevax (Moderna) • Vaxzevria (AstraZeneca) • Covaxin • Covishield • BIBP/Sinopharm • CoronaVac (Sinovac) • Nuvaxovid (Novavax) • Covovax	• Medicago

☐ **FULLY VACCINATED: Passenger must meet CDC's definition of fully vaccinated against COVID-19.**

Any of the five options below are accepted.

- **Option 1:** 2 weeks (14 days) or more since a person received one dose of an accepted single-dose-series COVID-19 vaccine (e.g., Janssen/J&J) **OR**
- **Option 2:** 2 weeks (14 days) or more since a person's second dose in a 2-dose series of an accepted COVID-19 vaccine (see table 2) **OR**
- **Option 3:** 2 weeks (14 days) since a person received the full series of an accepted COVID-19 vaccine (not placebo) in a clinical trial; **OR**
- **Option 4**: 2 weeks (14 days) or more since the person received 2 doses of any "mix and match" combination of accepted COVID-19 vaccines listed in Table 2 administered at **least 17 days apart.**

A full 14 days must have passed since the day the COVID-19 vaccine series was completed. For example, if the vaccine series was completed on the first day of the month, the person is fully vaccinated on the 15th of that month.

All passengers who are Covered Individuals and 2 years or older must also comply with Part 2 (passenger attestation). Proceed to Part 2.

Part 2: PASSENGER ATTESTATION: Passengers Must Complete and Sign Attestation

CDC provided an updated passenger disclosure and attestation that all Covered Individuals boarding a flight to the United States must complete and sign.

Covered Individuals who are under 2 years of age do not need to complete the attestation. The airline or other aircraft operator may permit them to board an aircraft without an attestation but must confirm passenger's age by checking date of birth on passport.

☐ **COVERED INDIVIDUALS: Ensure that all Covered Individuals two years of age or older (i.e., noncitizen, nonimmigrant) have completed signed the *Passenger Disclosure and Attestation. Links to the fillable attestation (available in multiple languages) is available here:*** Amended Order: Implementing Presidential Proclamation on Safe Resumption of Global Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Notes: *Order: Implementing Presidential Proclamation on Safe Resumption of Global Travel during the COVID-19 Pandemic

†Deadhead status: When crew member is on the "clock" and their time and movement are directed by the airline or aircraft operator either into, from, or between operational assignments.

‡The QR code in a verifiable vaccination record links to information confirming the credential was generated from an immunization record in an official database and is protected from tampering.

Additional Resources

For Proof of Vaccination (Part 1):
- Order: Implementing Presidential Proclamation on Safe Resumption of Global Travel during the COVID-19 Pandemic: www.cdc.gov/quarantine/order-safe-travel.html
- Technical Instructions for Implementing Presidential Proclamation *Advancing Safe Resumption of Global Travel during the COVID-19 Pandemic and CDC's Order:* www.cdc.gov/quarantine/order-safe-travel/technical-instructions.html
- Aircraft Operators/Airlines/Crew FAQs: www.cdc.gov/quarantine/order-safe-travel/airline-faqs.html

For Passenger Attestation (Part 2):
- Passenger Disclosure and Attestation (links to fillable attestation and translated attestations): www.cdc.gov/quarantine/order-safe-travel.html

Other Pertinent Links:
- Order: Requirement for Airlines and Operators to Collect Contact Information for All Passengers Arriving into the United States: www.cdc.gov/quarantine/order-collect-contact-info.html
- Technical Instructions for CDC's Contact Information Collection Order: www.cdc.gov/quarantine/order-collect-ti.html

Annex: Non-US Citizen, Non-Immigrant Passengers Who May Be Allowed to Board Flight without Proof of Vaccination

Category	How to Verify Exception
Persons on diplomatic or official foreign government travel	Passenger must be traveling on one of the following non-immigrant visa classifications: • A-1, A-2, C-2, C-3 (as a foreign government official or immediate family member of an official), E-1 (as an employee of TECRO or TECO or the employee's immediate family members), G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, NATO-1 through NATO-4, or NATO-6 (or seeking to enter as a nonimmigrant in one of those NATO classifications) **OR** • Passenger must be traveling with an official letter or other documentation (e.g., letter from U.S. government, foreign government, or United Nations), explaining that their travel falls within the scope of section 11 of the United Nations Headquarters Agreement or other travel pursuant to U.S. legal obligation.
Children under 18 years	Confirm passenger's date of birth on passport
Participants in certain COVID-19 vaccine trials	Documentation (e.g., clinical trial letter, participant card, or modified vaccination card) of clinical trial participation that includes the following information: • Passenger has participated or is participating in a Phase 3 COVID-19 vaccine trial with a qualifying vaccine candidate listed in the technical instructions that meets CDC criteria for the exception; **AND** • Passenger received the full series of an active (non-placebo) COVID-19 qualifying vaccine candidate, and lists name of the vaccine product and the date(s) received. See the technical instructions for the list of COVID-19 qualifying vaccine candidates. If a passenger received the full series of an accepted COVID-19 vaccine (non-placebo) in a clinical trial, the passenger is considered fully vaccinated. Airlines and airline operators must review the information presented by the passenger to ensure that: • Personal identifiers in the clinical trial documentation (full name plus at least one other identifier such as date of birth or passport number) match with the passenger's passport or other travel documentation **AND** • The name of the COVID-19 vaccine product the participant received matches with a vaccine product listed in technical instructions; **AND** • Vaccine series was completed at least 2 weeks (14 days) before the flight's departure.
Persons with medical contraindications to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine	Letter from licensed physician must: • Be signed and dated on official letterhead that contains the name, address, and phone number of the licensed physician who signed the letter • Clearly state that the passenger has a contraindication to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. The name of the COVID-19 vaccine product and the medical condition must both be listed. 　○ Medical contraindications to COVID-19 vaccination include immediate or severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or component of a COVID-19 vaccine or known allergy to a component of a COVID-19 vaccine. 　○ Objections to vaccination based on religious or moral convictions do not qualify.

	• Have sufficient personally identifiable information (full name plus at least one other identifier such as date of birth or passport number) to confirm that the person referenced in the letter matches with the passenger's passport or other travel documents.
Persons issued a humanitarian or emergency exception	Letter from U.S. government (paper or digital) regarding the exception. Advise non-U.S. citizens, nonimmigrants to contact the U.S. embassy or consulate in the country where they are located for more information regarding the humanitarian exception.
Persons with valid nonimmigrant visas (excluding B-1 [business] or B-2 [tourism] visas) who are citizens of a country with limited COVID-19 vaccine availability	Confirm the passenger has a passport issued by one of the countries listed on the technical instructions website AND that the passenger has a valid visa that is not a B-1 or B-2 visa.
Members of the U.S. Armed Forces or their spouses or children (under 18)	Confirm passenger has a U.S military identification document, such as: • A military ID • Common Access Card (CAC) • DEERS ID card • Other proof of status as a member of the U.S armed forces or status as the spouse or child (under 18) of a member of the U.S Armed forces.
Sea crew members traveling pursuant to a C-1 and D nonimmigrant visa	• Confirm that any Covered Individual claiming this exception is traveling under the appropriate nonimmigrant visa **AND** • Has an official letter (paper or digital) from their employer indicating that their entry to or transit through the United States is required for the purpose of operating a vessel
Persons whose entry would be in the U.S. national interest	Confirm passenger has official U.S. government letter (paper or digital) documenting approval of the exception.