United States of America

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

02.12.2020

The U.S. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has extended the Emergency Declaration 2020-002 to February 28, 2021, continuing to exempt commercial vehicle operations from parts 390 through 399 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR) in all fifty states and the District of Columbia to support direct emergency assistance for some supply chains supporting the response to COVID19. The Emergency Declaration is also modified and expanded to include the transportation of vaccines and medical supplies and equipment related to the prevention of COVID19, subject to certain restrictions and limitations. For more information please visit https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/emergency/expansion-and-extension-modified-emergency-declaration-no-2020-002-under-49-cfr-ss-39025.

Source: IRU Washington

23.03.2020

Updated situation on Cross-Border Operations in North America (Canada, Mexico and USA)

IRU’s US freight member, ATA, has reported the following:

With effect from midnight, Friday 20 March, the US-Canada and US-Mexico border ports of entry have implemented a partial travel ban. This ban does not apply to trade or truck freight of any kind, nor to truck drivers from these three countries (providing the driver is in good health). Please see the highlights below, as well as the attached Federal Register notices.

US-Canada Joint Initiative COVID-19 Statement

US-Mexico Joint Initiative COVID-19 Statement

There have been reports of some Customs and Border Protection officers on the northern border informing drivers that, with effect from 23 March, their loads will not be considered “essential”. There are also reports that some loads have already been turned away for the same reason. ATA has been informed that ALL truck freight is essential, and if drivers are told otherwise then he or she must request the assistance of a supervisor. Furthermore, drivers commuting to work across the border, or persons crossing the border on foot to collect a load, are also permitted to cross.

If you receive reports from your drivers of any issues, please inform ATA immediately to inform the CBP. Field officers should be fully aware that all freight and all truck drivers are considered essential at this point.

Updated situation on Domestic Freight Operations in the United States of America

On 18 March, the FMCSA released an updated Emergency Declaration for commercial motor vehicle operations providing direct assistance to COVID-19 relief efforts. The declaration can be located on the FMCSA’s website here.

In the update, the FMCSA provided new guidance on which operations are covered by the declaration, clarifying that fuel haulers are in fact included. The updated declaration also provides new guidance on “mixed load” operations.

“We thank Administrator Mullen and the Trump Administration for continued support to our industry as we deliver food, water, medicine, medical supplies, fuel and other essentials throughout this public health crisis,” said Dan Horvath, Vice President of Safety Policy at the American Trucking Associations. “The men and women of the trucking industry are heroes who remain on the front lines in this national effort.”
• 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.
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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.

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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:

ATA encourages individuals to review the official declaration to determine whether their operations are included:

This Emergency Declaration provides regulatory relief for commercial motor vehicle operations providing direct assistance in support of emergency relief efforts related to the COVID-19 outbreaks, including transportation to meet immediate needs for: (1) medical supplies and equipment related to the testing, diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19; (2) supplies and equipment necessary for community safety, sanitation, and prevention of community transmission of COVID-19 such as masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, soap and disinfectants; (3) food, paper products and other groceries for emergency restocking of distribution centers or stores; (4) immediate precursor raw materials - such as paper, plastic or alcohol - that are required and to be used for the manufacture of items in categories (1), (2) or (3); (5) fuel; (6) equipment, supplies and persons necessary to establish and manage temporary housing, quarantine, and isolation facilities related to COVID-19; (7) persons designated by Federal, State or local authorities for medical, isolation, or quarantine purposes; and (8) persons necessary to provide other medical or emergency services, the supply of which may be affected by the COVID-19 response. Direct assistance does not include routine commercial deliveries, including mixed loads with a nominal quantity of qualifying emergency relief added to obtain the benefits of this emergency declaration.

Direct assistance terminates when a driver or commercial motor vehicle is used in interstate commerce to transport cargo or provide services that are not in support of emergency relief efforts related to the COVID-19 outbreaks or when the motor carrier dispatches a driver or commercial motor vehicle to another location to begin operations in commerce. 49 CFR § 390.23(b). Upon termination of direct assistance to emergency relief efforts related to the COVID-19 outbreaks, the motor carrier and driver are subject to the requirements of 49 CFR Parts 390 through 399, except that a driver may return empty to the motor carrier's terminal or the driver's normal work reporting location without complying with Parts 390 through 399.

Source: ATA
• 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.
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Do NOT travel if...

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  ◦ 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.
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    ▪ 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).

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Protect Yourself and Others

Recommended

• Follow all recommendations and requirements at your destination external icon, 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.

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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 external icon

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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.

Vial Light Icon

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.

Phone Icon

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.

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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.

Documentation

REQUICKED

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

REQUICKED

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

RECOMMENDED

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.

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

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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.

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- 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.
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Protect Yourself and Others

RECOMMENDED

- Follow all recommendations and **requirements at your destination** external icon, 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.

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Learn more about these [requirements](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/health-professionals/covid-19/travelers/index.html).

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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.

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Passports and Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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COVID-19 International Travel Advisories

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  - Beginning on December 6, 2021
    If you plan to travel internationally, you will need to get a COVID-19 viral test (regardless of vaccination status or citizenship) no more than 1 day before you travel by air into the United States. You must show your negative result to the airline before you board your flight.

* For country-specific COVID-19 travel rules including testing and quarantine, check the embassy’s website.

See the CDC’s COVID-19 guidance for international travel including:
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- Advice for airline and cruise ship travel

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Learn about the vaccination requirements for visitors entering the U.S. from Canada and Mexico by land or passenger ferry.
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U.S. Travel During COVID-19

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Tips for Traveling Within the U.S. During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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- The state’s masking guidelines
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Source: https://www.usa.gov/covid-passports-and-travel

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**Order: Requirement for Proof of Negative COVID-19 Test Result or Recovery from COVID-19 for All Airline Passengers Arriving into the United States**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued an Order on January 12, 2021 requiring proof of a negative COVID-19 test or documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 for all air passengers arriving from a foreign country to the US. On January 25, 2021, CDC posted a revision to this order. This Order is effective as of January 26, 2021 and was published in the Federal Register external icon on January 28, 2021.

To view the order, click here pdf icon [PDF – 9 pages].

To see the passenger attestation, visit the Attestation pdf icon [PDF – 3 pages].

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- Spanish pdf icon [PDF – 2 pages]

For frequently asked questions, visit the FAQs.
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- All air passengers age two and older traveling to the U.S. must be tested for COVID-19 no more than three days before their flight. Travels must show proof of their negative results before boarding their plane. This rule includes U.S. citizens and everyone who has already been vaccinated.
  - Read frequently asked questions about COVID-19 testing rule for everyone entering the U.S. by air;
  - Learn about additional rules for people entering the U.S. from Brazil, Europe, and China.

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Travel
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International Travel During COVID-19

Updated June 10, 2021
Do not travel internationally until you are **fully vaccinated**. If you are not fully vaccinated and must travel, follow CDC’s international travel recommendations for unvaccinated people.

Fully vaccinated travelers are less likely to get and spread COVID-19. However, international travel poses additional risks, and even fully vaccinated travelers might be at increased risk for getting and possibly spreading some COVID-19 variants.

The COVID-19 situation, including the spread of new or concerning variants, differs from country to country. All travelers need to pay close attention to the conditions at their destination before traveling.

CDC will update these recommendations as more people get vaccinated, as rates of COVID-19 change, and as additional scientific evidence becomes available.

**Recommendations For Fully Vaccinated People**

**Have You Been Fully Vaccinated?**

People are considered fully vaccinated*:

- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine

If you don’t meet these requirements, you are NOT fully vaccinated. Keep taking all precautions until you are fully vaccinated.

If you have a condition or are taking medication that weakens your immune system, you may NOT be fully protected even if you are fully vaccinated. Talk to your healthcare provider. Even after vaccination, you may need to continue taking all precautions.
Before you travel

- Make sure you understand and follow all airline and destination requirements related to travel, mask wearing, testing, or quarantine, which 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.
- Check the current COVID-19 situation in your destination.

During traveling:

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- Follow all recommendations and requirements at your destination, including mask wearing and social distancing.

Before you arrive in the United States:

- All air passengers coming to the United States, including U.S. citizens and fully vaccinated people, are required to have a negative COVID-19 test result no more than 3 days before travel or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 in the past 3 months before they board a flight to the United States.

After travel:

- Get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel.
- Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.
- Follow all state and local recommendations or requirements after travel.

Recommendations For Unvaccinated People

If you are not fully vaccinated and must travel, take the following steps to protect yourself and others from COVID-19:
Before you travel:
- Get tested with a [viral test](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travel-vaccines/three-days-before-travel.html) 1-3 days before your trip.
- Make sure you understand and follow all airline and destination requirements related to travel, testing, or quarantine, which 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.

While you are traveling:
- **Wearing a mask over your nose and mouth is required** on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and while indoors at U.S. transportation hubs such as 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). CDC recommends that travelers who are not [fully vaccinated](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travel-vaccines/three-days-before-travel.html) continue to wear a mask and maintain physical distance when traveling.
- Avoid crowds and stay at least 6 feet/2 meters (about 2 arm lengths) from anyone who is not traveling with you.
- Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol).

Before you arrive in the United States:
- All air passengers coming to the United States, including U.S. citizens and fully vaccinated people, **are required** to have a negative COVID-19 viral test result no more than 3 days before travel or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 in the past 3 months before they board a flight to the United States.

After you travel:
- Get tested with a [viral test](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travel-vaccines/three-days-before-travel.html) 3-5 days after travel **AND** stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.
  - Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days.
  - If your test is positive, [isolate](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travel-vaccines/three-days-before-travel.html) yourself to protect others from getting infected.
- If you don’t get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
- Avoid being around people who are at increased risk for severe illness for 14 days, whether you get tested or not.
- Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.
- Follow all [state and local](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travel-vaccines/three-days-before-travel.html) recommendations or requirements.

Visit your [state, territorial, tribal, and local](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travel-vaccines/three-days-before-travel.html) health department’s website to look for the latest information on where to get tested.

Do NOT travel if you were exposed to COVID-19, you are sick, you test positive for COVID-19, or you are waiting for results of a COVID-19 test. Learn when it is safe for you to travel. Don’t travel with someone who is sick.

International Travel Recommendations Quick Reference

### Check Travel Restrictions

If traveling internationally, check with your destination’s Office of Foreign Affairs or Ministry of Health or the [US Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Country Information page](https://www.state.gov) for details about entry requirements and restrictions for arriving travelers. Follow all entry requirements for your destination and provide any required or requested health information. If you do not follow your destination’s requirements, you may be denied entry and required to return to the United States.

If traveling by air, check if your airline requires any health information, testing, or other documents. If traveling internationally, you must get a COVID-19 test no more than 3 days before you return by air to the United States. You are required to show a negative COVID-19 test result or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 before boarding a flight to the United States.

**Information for people who recently recovered from COVID-19**

If you recovered from a documented COVID-19 infection within the last 3 months, follow all requirements and recommendations for fully vaccinated travelers except you do NOT need to get a test 3-5 days after travel unless you are symptomatic. People can continue to test positive for up to 3 months after diagnosis and not be infectious to others.

* This guidance applies to COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized for emergency use by the Food and Drug Administration: Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson (J&J)/Janssen COVID-19 vaccines. This guidance can also be applied to COVID-19 vaccines that have been authorized for emergency use by the World Health Organization (e.g. AstraZeneca/Oxford). See [WHO’s website](https://www.who.int) for more information about WHO-authorized COVID-19 vaccines.

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Proclamation on the Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Non-Immigrants of Certain Additional Persons Who Pose a Risk of Transmitting Coronavirus Disease

Extract:

Section 1. Suspension and Limitation on Entry. (a) The entry into the United States, as immigrants or nonimmigrants, of noncitizens who were physically present within the Schengen Area, the United Kingdom (excluding overseas territories outside of Europe), the Republic of Ireland, and the Federative Republic of Brazil during the 14-day period preceding their entry or attempted entry into the United States, is hereby suspended and limited subject to section 2 of this proclamation.
(b) The entry into the United States, as immigrants or nonimmigrants, of noncitizens who were physically present within the Republic of South Africa during the 14-day period preceding their entry or attempted entry into the United States, is hereby suspended and limited subject to section 2 of this proclamation.


Source: WCO/U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Several Presidential proclamations established restrictions on the entry of certain travelers into the United States in an effort to help slow the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

With specific exceptions, foreign nationals who have been in any of the following countries during the past 14 days may not enter the United States. For a full list of exceptions, please refer to the relevant proclamations in the links below.
China
Iran
European Schengen area (Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City)
United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland)
Republic of Ireland
Brazil

As further provided in each proclamation, citizens and lawful permanent residents of the United States, certain family members, and other individuals who meet specified exceptions, who have been in one of the countries listed above in the past 14 days will be allowed to enter the United States. More information about what to do after arriving to the United States is available on CDC’s After You Travel webpage.

Source: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/from-other-countries.html#print

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Legislative Powers (i.e. on matters such as imposed quarantine):


Arrival Restrictions and Quarantine Arrangements:

Please see the Presidential Proclamation (https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/proclamation-suspension-entry-immigrants-nonimmigrants-certain-additional-persons-pose-risk-transmitting-coronavirus/) and information on arrival restrictions at the DHS website (https://www.dhs.gov/publication/notices-arrival-restrictions-coronavirus). The CDC is working with state and local public health partners to implement after-travel health precautions. Depending on a person’s travel history, that person could be asked to stay home for a period of 14 days from the time the person left an area with widespread or ongoing community spread.

Information on travellers returning from high-risk countries can be found on the CDC website (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html).

In Country Visa Issues:
Inquiries received from non-immigrant travellers in-country whose visas are nearing expiration are referred to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Public Health Advice:
Industry Engagement:
CBP continues to engage with CDC and Industry Stakeholders in order to continue the flow of legitimate trade and travel into and out of the United States.

Planning:
CBP has national pandemic plans and continuity of operations plans in place. CBP has appropriate PPE at all ports, stations, air branches, and at all operational locations globally.

CBP has a Safety and Occupational Health Specialist located in every Field Office and Sector to assist operational components complete the mission of CBP while ensuring that CBP employees remain safe. CBP has activated its Emergency Operations Center to assist in the execution of the CBP response to the COVID-19 outbreak. This 24/7 activity integrates representatives from all offices to manage emergency response assets and coordinate information and resources.

For the most up to date information, visit the DHS website (https://www.dhs.gov/coronavirus) and CBP homepage (https://www.cbp.gov).