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What You Need to Know Before Traveling to the U.S. After November 8, 2021

The White House has announced that starting November 8, 2021, COVID-19 travel restrictions will be lifted for fully vaccinated international visitors.

The current travel restrictions apply to certain travelers from China, Iran, the European Schengen area, the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, Brazil, South Africa, and India, and prohibit a foreign national who does not qualify for an exemption from traveling to the U.S. if they have been physically present in one of the designated countries 14 days in advance of their arrival to the U.S.

The travel requirements to enter the United States starting November 8, 2021, are changing to:

- **I am a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, U.S. Lawful Permanent Resident or an Immigrant, what am I required to show before boarding a flight to the U.S.?**

If you are fully vaccinated: **Proof of vaccination and a negative COVID-19 test result taken no more than 3 days before travel.**

If you are NOT fully vaccinated: **A negative COVID-19 test result taken no more than 1 day before travel.**

Children under 2 years old do not need to test. There is also an option for people who have documented recovery from COVID-19 in the past 90 days.

- **I am a Non-U.S. citizen, Non-U.S. immigrant, what am I required to show before boarding a flight to the U.S.?**

Noncitizens who are nonimmigrants and seeking to enter the United States by air are required to show proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before boarding a flight to the United States from a foreign country.

If you are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19, you will NOT be allowed to board a flight to the United States, unless you meet the criteria for an exception under the Proclamation and CDC's Order.

Additionally, if you are fully vaccinated, you will have to show a negative COVID-19 test result taken no more than 3 days before travel.

Categories of noncitizen nonimmigrants that meet the criteria for an exception under the Proclamation and CDC's Order include:

1. Persons on diplomatic or official foreign government travel
2. Children under 18 years of age
3. Persons with documented medical contraindications to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine
4. Participants in certain COVID-19 vaccine trials
5. Persons issued a humanitarian or emergency exception
6. Persons with valid visas [excluding B-1 (business) or B-2 (tourism) visas] who are citizens of a foreign country with limited COVID-19 vaccine availability
7. Members of the U.S. Armed Forces or their spouses or children (under 18 years of age)
8. Sea crew members traveling with to a C-1 and D nonimmigrant visa
9. Persons whose entry would be in the national interest, as determined by the Secretary of State, Secretary of Transportation, or Secretary of Homeland Security (or their designees)

If you travel by air to the United States under one of these exceptions, you will be required to attest that you are excepted from the requirement to present Proof of Being Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19 based on one of the exceptions listed above. Based on the category of the exception, you may further be required to attest that:

1. You will be tested with a COVID-19 viral test 3-5 days after arrival in the United States, unless you have documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 in the past 90 days;
2. You will self-quarantine for a full 7 days, even if the test result to the post-arrival viral test is negative, unless you have documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 in the past 90 days; and
3. You will self-isolate if the result of the post-arrival test is positive or if you develop COVID-19 symptoms.

Based on the category of the exception, if you intend to stay in the United States for longer than 60 days you may additionally be required to attest that

1. You agree to be vaccinated against COVID-19; and
2. You have arranged to become fully vaccinated against COVID-19 within 60 days of arriving in the United States, or as soon thereafter as is medically appropriate, unless (for children) you are too young to be vaccinated.

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You are considered fully vaccinated

1. 2 weeks (14 days) after an accepted single-dose vaccine
2. 2 weeks (14 days) after your second dose of an accepted 2-dose series
3. 2 weeks (14 days) after you received the full series of an active (not placebo) COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S.-based AstraZeneca or Novavax COVID-19 vaccine trials
4. 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

List of Accepted COVID-19 Vaccines

1. Vaccines Approved or Authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration: Janssen/J&J, Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna.
2. Vaccines Listed for Emergency Use (EUL) by the World Health Organization: Janssen/J&J, Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, AstraZeneca, Covishield, BIBP/Sinopharm and Sinovac.

We are monitoring the outcome of the new travels. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

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