

January 14, 2021
VIGILINT TRAVEL NOTICE

THE UNITED STATES WILL REQUIRE NEGATIVE COVID-19 TESTS FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS, INCLUDING US CITIZENS RETURNING HOME.

The CDC announced that beginning January 26, 2021, the United States will require commercial, private, and chartered international airline passengers to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test before entering the country. This directive is for all persons aged two years and older and extends to US citizens and permanent residents returning from abroad. This order does NOT include boarding flights within the states or to US-held territories. Military personnel, airline crew, and individuals aged two years and younger are exempt from the order. Vaccinated individuals will also be required to show proof of a negative test before boarding a flight to the US.

Effective January 26, 2021, a traveler must meet the following COVID-19 testing requirements to enter the US:

- A negative viral test result (NAAT or antigen) taken no more than three days prior to departure to the US.
- Paper or electronic documentation of negative test result that clearly states "NEGATIVE," "SARS-CoV-2 RNA NOT DETECTED," "SARS-CoV-2 ANTIGEN NOT DETECTED," or "COVID-19 NOT DETECTED." Documentation will be reviewed by airline personnel upon boarding and possibly by public health officials as well.
- Test documentation must include the traveler's legal name and accompanying contact information, the date the test was performed, the type of test, and the laboratory or healthcare facility's contact information where the test was performed.

If the traveler had COVID-19 within three months prior to departure, he or she must meet the following requirements to enter the US:

- Individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 can board a flight with their recent positive viral test result AND a recovery documentation letter from a licensed health care provider or public health official clearing the person for travel.
- The CDC does not recommend individuals who had COVID-19 within three months of departure to get retested unless the traveler displays symptoms of COVID-19. If the individual shows symptoms of COVID-19, they could be required to show a negative test result before boarding.
- Individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 more than three months prior to departure must be retested.

Please note:

- The traveler's legal name and date of birth on all documents must match the traveler's license, passport, or travel papers.

If seeking more specific clarification on US entry requirements or exemptions, please email or call VIGILINT or refer to the CDC order at the following link: https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/pdf/global-airline-testing-order_2021-01-2_R3-signed-encrypted-p.pdf

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