Requirement for Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination for Air Passengers

Required for non-U.S. citizen, nonimmigrant passengers arriving from a foreign country to the United States by air

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What You Need to Know

- If you are a non-U.S. citizen who is a nonimmigrant (not a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, lawful permanent resident, or traveling to the United States on an immigrant visa), you will need to show proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before you travel by air to the United States from a foreign country.
- Some categories of noncitizen, nonimmigrants are excepted from this requirement. If you meet the criteria for one of these categories, you will need to fulfill additional requirements to travel by air to the United States.
- At this time, all air passengers ages 2 or older, regardless of citizenship or vaccination status, must show a negative result of a COVID-19 viral test or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 before they board a flight to the United States. For more information about these testing requirements, visit Requirement for Proof of Negative COVID-19 Test or Documentation of Recovery from COVID-19.

On October 25, 2021, the President issued a Proclamation to suspend and limit entry into the United States for non-U.S. citizens who are nonimmigrants, referred to as “Covered individuals,” seeking to enter the United States by air travel and are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19. On the same day, CDC issued an Order to implement the President’s direction. The Proclamation and CDC’s Order do not apply to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, U.S. lawful permanent residents, immigrants, or, under certain circumstances, air crew members. Additionally, the Proclamation and CDC’s Order have no effect on certain groups of non-citizens. For more information, including exceptions, see Presidential Proclamation and Frequently Asked Questions below.

Are you Fully Vaccinated for Air 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 the full series of a Novavax (or Covovax) COVID-19 vaccine (not placebo) in a phase 3 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.

*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.

Accepted COVID-19 Vaccines

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| | • Covishield  
| | • BIBP/Sinopharm  
| | • Sinovac  

### U.S. Citizens, U.S. Nationals, and U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents

The Presidential Proclamation and CDC's Order do **not** apply to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, or U.S. lawful permanent residents (Green Card holders).

For additional information on actions to take before, during, and after international travel, visit [International Travel: Information for U.S. Citizens, U.S. Nationals, Lawful Permanent Residents, and Immigrants](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/proof-of-vaccination.html).

### Immigrants and Other Non-affected Persons

The Presidential Proclamation and CDC's Order do **not** apply to immigrants (including Special Immigrant Visa holders). An immigrant is any non-U.S. citizen who has a visa listed in “Immigrant Visa Categories” on the U.S. Department of State’s webpage [Directory of Visa Categories](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/legal/visa-law0/visa-bulletin.html); it does not include K nonimmigrant visa holders, who are **Covered Individuals** (see below).

The Presidential Proclamation and CDC’s Order have no effect on several non-U.S. citizens, 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; and
- Non-U.S. citizens granted parole into the United States.

**NOTE:** Certain categories of non-U.S. citizens, including immigrant visa applicants/holders, refugees, parolees, and asylees, and those seeking to enter the United States by land or sea travel may be subject to separate COVID-19 vaccination requirements. These individuals are advised to consult and become familiar with all applicable U.S. requirements for entry.


### Air Crew Members

The Presidential Proclamation and CDC’s Order **do not apply to crew members** of airlines or other aircraft operators while on official duty status if such crewmembers and operators adhere to all industry standard protocols for the prevention of COVID-19 as set forth in relevant guidance for crewmember health issued by the CDC or by the Federal Aviation Administration in coordination with the CDC. Please see the [Technical Instructions](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/proof-of-vaccination.html) for more information.

### Aircraft Operators/ Airlines/ Crew

For additional information, resources, and FAQs please visit the following webpages:

- [Technical Instructions for Implementing Presidential Proclamation Advancing Safe Resumption of Global Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic and CDC’s Order](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/proof-of-vaccination.html)