Travelers Prohibited from Entry to the United States

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A Presidential Proclamation established restrictions on the entry of certain travelers into the United States in an effort to slow the introduction of the new Omicron variant of the virus that causes COVID-19. The Omicron variant was classified a variant of concern by the World Health Organization.

With specific exceptions, this Presidential Proclamation suspends the entry into the United States, as immigrants or nonimmigrants, of noncitizens who were physically present within the following countries during the 14-day period preceding their entry or attempted entry into the United States. For a full list of exceptions, please refer to the Proclamation.

- Botswana
- Eswatini
- Lesotho
- Malawi
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- South Africa
- Zimbabwe

As further provided in the 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. See CDC’s Travel Assessment to learn what’s required to travel by air to the United States.