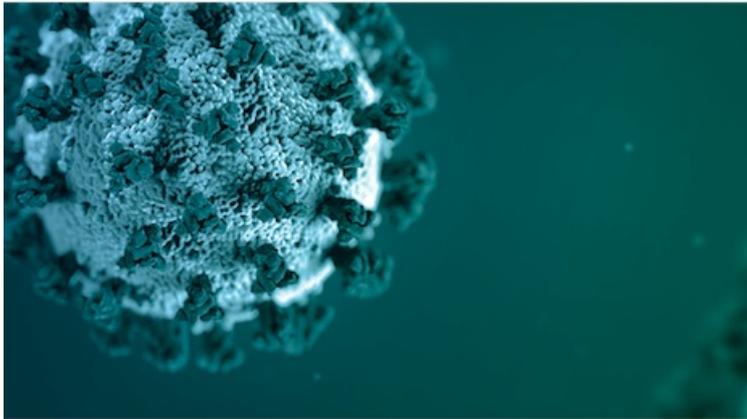


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COVID-19 testing required for US entry

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Microscopic image of the COVID-19 virus. Image credit: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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All air passengers entering the United States will be required to present proof of a negative COVID-19 test, per a new [order](#) from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC).

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Effective Jan. 26, all passengers arriving to the U.S. from a foreign country must be tested no more than three days prior to flight departure and present negative results or documentation of having recovered from the virus to the airline before boarding. Airlines must confirm the test result or proof of recovery for all passengers.

Requirements for air travel

Per the CDC's requirements, the order applies to all air passengers, two years of age or older, traveling into the U.S., including citizens and legal permanent residents.

The requirement to present a negative test or proof of recovery does not apply to air passengers flying from a U.S. territory or possession to a U.S. state.

The new order supersedes a previous [order](#) currently in effect and signed by the CDC director on Dec. 25, requiring a negative pre-departure COVID-19 test result for all airline passengers arriving into the U.S. from the United Kingdom.



The order replaces a previous order required test results from passengers traveling from the U.K. Image credit: Walpole

According to the CDC order, individuals should self-isolate and delay their travel if symptoms develop or a pre-departure test result is positive until they have recovered from COVID-19. If a passenger does not present a negative test result or documentation of recovery, the airline must deny boarding to that passenger.

The order applies to all flights, including private flights and general aviation aircrafts. Passengers traveling by air into the U.S. are required to follow this order regardless of flight type.

All air passengers traveling to the U.S., regardless of vaccination status, are required to present a negative COVID-19 test result or documentation of recovery.

At the end of December 2020, the Canadian government set plans to implement a new regulation that would require any traveler entering the country by air to obtain a negative COVID-19 PCR test within three days before planned arrival. These measures marked the country's latest attempt to curb the spread of the coronavirus ([see story](#)) and went into effect on Jan. 7.

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