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Biden reinstates travel ban on Europe, adds South Africa

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The Biden administration hopes new restrictions will slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Image credit: Getty

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United States President Joseph Biden has signed an executive order reinstating COVID-19 travel restrictions on the majority of Europe and Brazil after Donald Trump lifted them before leaving office.

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In addition to reimposing the ban on Europe and Brazil, the president has extended restrictions to South Africa. The new order prevents non-U.S. citizens from entering the United States if they have recently traveled to South Africa, where a new variant of COVID-19 has been identified.

"It clearly will be helpful," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the [National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases](#), in an interview with CBS. "We have concerns about the mutation that's in South Africa it's clearly different and more ominous than the one in the U.K., so it's prudent to restrict travel of non-citizens."

Controlling the virus

In an attempt to mitigate the spread of the deadly virus, the Biden administration has barred non-U.S. citizens traveling from the United Kingdom, Ireland and countries within the Schengen zone, as well as Brazil and South Africa from entering the United States.



More than 400,000 people have died from COVID-19 in the U.S., according to the CDC. Image credit: Getty

The restrictions on travelers from South Africa are set to take effect Saturday, Jan. 30.

Mr. Trump had attributed his decision to roll back travel restrictions to an **order** from the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** (CDC) requiring air passengers to present negative COVID-19 tests.

Effective today, all air passengers entering the United States will be required to present proof of a negative COVID-19 test or documentation of having recovered from the virus before boarding a plane. Airlines must confirm the test result or proof of recovery for all passengers (**see story**).

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It's imperative that people realise travel bans will be lifted once cases have lowered, and with vaccines already rolling out, we should be in the sky pretty soon.

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