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COVID-19 – Travel

How will the coronavirus impact travel?

The Department of State (State) frequently updates its [Information for Travelers](#) webpage. Recently, State placed a Level 4 warning on all international travel.

U.S. citizens should avoid traveling internationally, and citizens abroad should return to the United States unless they plan to remain abroad indefinitely. Many countries are severely restricting travel with little advance notice.

Citizens abroad should enroll in State's [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) (STEP) to receive updates from the Department about urgent country-specific information. Americans considering remaining abroad should [learn more](#) about the State Department's ability to assist in crises. Americans concerned about an emergency abroad should contact a nearby [U.S. embassy or consulate](#), or call one of the State Department's emergency phone lines -

- From the U.S. & Canada: 1-888-407-4747
- From Overseas: +1 202-501-4444

The CDC offers an [FAQ for Travelers](#) considering postponing travel or considering returning from other countries. Travelers may also be subject to [arrival restrictions](#), which may require American citizens, legal permanent residents, and their immediate families to travel through specific airports and submit to stringent screening and self-quarantine measures.

Report specific travel complaints to the [Department of Transportation](#).

What information is available about the travel ban?

The [Department of State](#) and the [Department of Homeland Security](#) are offering clarifying information about the President's Proclamations that restrict travel. My office can [inquire](#) to the relevant federal agencies about specific questions you or a family member on the Central Coast have about the ban.

When returning from an impacted country, all travelers must enter the United States through one of [13 predetermined airports](#) that have the capacity for enhanced screening and testing procedures. Individuals that exhibit COVID-19 symptoms at a testing airport will receive treatment and must self-quarantine for 14 days.

Green card holders will be allowed back into the United States as will legal permanent residents. Generally, immediate family members of legal permanent residents will be granted entry into the country and will be subject to entry, screening, and testing requirements.

How will the pandemic affect my trip to Washington D.C.?

The U.S. Capitol, White House, and several other federal buildings are temporarily suspending public tours. Re-schedule a tour or submit a new request online [here](#).