

ADVANCE PAROLE AND NEW COVID-19 TRAVEL RULE

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Permission to travel outside of the U.S. You can travel under 3 categories;

Humanitarian:

Ex: attend funeral services, or visit a sick relative.

Educational:

Ex: study abroad programs or research

Employment:

Ex: overseas assignments, conferences, training, or meetings for work

Must submit evidence of intended travel. USCIS may deny request at their discretion. AP does not guarantee re-entry into the U.S. **Keep in mind there is still a pandemic.....**

NEW RULE



Starting January 26, 2021, **everyone** two years or older traveling internationally to the U.S is **required** to show proof of:

- a negative COVID-19 test
or
- recovery from COVID-19

before boarding to the U.S. Without this passengers will be **denied**.

AP provides a limited time to travel. The new rule can create delays and consequences like getting stuck abroad. Consider **all risks** before departing the U.S!

COVID-19 Travel Bans Still In Effect: Restricted travel from U.K., Brazil, South Africa, Ireland, Schengen area

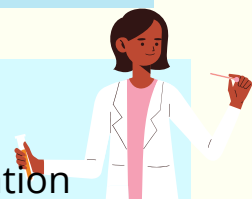


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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What kind of test do I need and when?

Travelers must get a viral test – antigen tests and nucleic acid amplification tests, antibody tests do not qualify– **no more** than three days **before** their flight departs and **bring** paper or electronic **proof** to the airport. Those who have tested positive for the virus within the past three months before travel can bypass the test requirement if they bring proof they have recovered from the virus and are cleared to travel by a licensed health care provider or health official.



How am I going to find a reputable place to get tested in a foreign country?

Look for guidance from airlines, hotels, tourism bureaus and health care providers. If you decide to travel with advance parole make sure you have a site where you plan to get tested before departing the U.S in order to avoid delays.



What if I take the test before my flight and I'm positive?

You will have an extended stay – and possibly get stuck outside the U.S if you do not re-enter before your advance parole expires. It is imperative to plan accordingly. Having a test site before departing, have a return flight days before your advance parole expires.



How can I prove I recovered from COVID-19?

Bring your positive test result and a letter from your health care provider or a public health official that says you have been cleared for travel, the CDC says.

Who is going to enforce this?

Airlines, they will ask for proof at check-in. The CDC says passengers without negative test results or proof they have recovered from COVID-19 will be denied boarding. Those who provide false information are subject to criminal fines and imprisonment, the agency said.



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I've had a COVID-19 vaccine. Am I exempt? No.



How long will this requirement be in place?

No timeline was announced, but expect it to be in place as long as the virus is surging.

Do passengers on flights from the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico have to get tested?



No. U.S. territories are excluded from the CDC requirement. States and territories may have their own travel restrictions.

How much time should I ask for in terms of travel outside of the U.S.?

You should ask for more time than you expect to travel in case of emergencies, ie., missed or canceled flights. For example, if you are traveling for 2 weeks, ask for 6 weeks.



How will the Texas case challenging the legality of DACA impact my ability to travel?

Be sure to consult with an attorney and track any new legal updates before you depart the U.S.

Can I leave the U.S. before advance parole is approved?

No. Granting advance parole to a person outside of the U.S. is rare. You must complete the application process and leave with an approved original document.



What do I need to apply for advance parole?

You must submit a completed [I-131 application](#), two passport style photos, identity documents, ie., work authorization, driver's license, \$575 USCIS fee, and evidentiary proof of intended travel.