TRAVEL ADVISORIES

2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

CURRENT AS OF MAY 1, 2020

OVERVIEW

• The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a Level 3 Warning: Avoid all nonessential travel to China, Iran, Most European Countries, United Kingdom & Ireland, and South Korea, as well as a Level 2 Warning: Sustained Community-Level Transmission—Special Precautions for High-Risk Travelers globally.
• The US State Department has issued a Level 4: Do not travel Advisory for China, Iran, Lombardy & Veneto, Italy, and Daegu, South Korea; a Level 3: Reconsider travel Advisory for Israel, the West Bank & Gaza, Italy, Mongolia, and South Korea; and a Level 2: Exercise increased caution Advisory for Japan and Hong Kong.
• On March 11, the US State Department issued a Global Level 3 Health Advisory to reconsider travel abroad due to the impact of COVID-19.
• CDC & US State Department recommend that travelers reconsider cruise ship voyages. Cruise ship passengers at increased risk of person-to-person spread of infectious diseases, such as the disease caused by novel coronavirus.
• In an announcement on March 11, US President Trump suspended the entry of most foreign nationals who have been in certain European countries at any point during the 14 days prior to their scheduled arrival to the United States.

US CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC)

TRAVEL WARNINGS

Warning Level 3: Avoid all nonessential travel to the following destinations. Most foreign nationals who have been in one of these countries during the previous 14 days will not be allowed to enter the United States.

• China
• Iran
• Most European Countries
• United Kingdom & Ireland

Warning Level 3: Level 3, Avoid Nonessential Travel—Widespread Ongoing Transmission

• South Korea

Alert - Level 2, Special Precautions for High-Risk Travelers—Ongoing Community Transmission

• Global

WARNINGS (LEVEL 3 NOTICES)

CHINA

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a Level 3 Warning: Avoid all nonessential travel to China. CDC recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to the People's Republic of China (this does not include Hong Kong, Macau, or the island of Taiwan). CDC recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to China. In response to this outbreak, Chinese officials are screening travelers leaving some cities in China. Several countries and territories throughout the world have implemented health screening of travelers arriving from China.

On arrival to the United States, travelers from China will undergo health screening. Travelers with signs and symptoms of illness (fever, cough, or difficulty breathing) will have an additional health assessment. Travelers who have been in China during the past 14 days, including US citizens or residents and others who are allowed to enter the United States, will be required to enter through specific airports and participate in monitoring by health officials.
until 14 days after they left China. Some people may have their movement restricted or be asked to limit their contact with others until the 14-day period has ended.

Click here for the full notice on China from the US CDC. (Updated February 28)

IRAN
The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a Level 3 Warning: Avoid all nonessential travel to Iran. CDC recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to Iran. There is limited access to adequate medical care in affected areas.

Click here for the full notice on Iran from the US CDC. (Updated February 28)

MOST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to the specified countries listed below. Europe is experiencing widespread ongoing transmission of respiratory illness caused by the novel (new) coronavirus (COVID-19). CDC recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to the following countries in Europe: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland.

Click here for the full notice on Most European Countries from the US CDC. (Updated March 11)

UNITED KINGDOM & IRELAND
The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to the United Kingdom and Ireland. The United Kingdom is experiencing widespread ongoing transmission of respiratory illness caused by the novel (new) coronavirus (COVID-19). Because the United Kingdom shares an open border with the Republic of Ireland (Ireland), CDC recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to all countries in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Click here for the full notice on United Kingdom & Ireland from the US CDC. (Updated March 15)

SOUTH KOREA
The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a Level 3 Warning: Avoid all nonessential travel to South Korea. There is limited access to adequate medical care in affected areas.

Click here for the full notice on South Korea from the US CDC. (Updated February 29)

ALERTS (LEVEL 2 NOTICES)
GLOBAL
CDC recommends older adults and people of any age with serious chronic medical conditions should consider postponing nonessential travel. Ongoing community transmission of respiratory illness caused by the novel (new) coronavirus (COVID-19) is occurring globally. Older adults and people of any age with serious chronic medical conditions should consider postponing nonessential travel.

Click here for the full Global notice from the US CDC. (Updated March 16)
Level 4: Do Not Travel.
Global

GLOBAL HEALTH ADVISORY
On March 19, the US State Department issued a Level 4 (Do Not Travel) Global Health Advisory. The Department of State advises U.S. citizens to avoid all international travel due to the global impact of COVID-19. In countries where commercial departure options remain available, U.S. citizens who live in the United States should arrange for immediate return to the United States, unless they are prepared to remain abroad for an indefinite period. U.S. citizens who live abroad should avoid all international travel. Many countries are experiencing COVID-19 outbreaks and implementing travel restrictions and mandatory quarantines, closing borders, and prohibiting non-citizens from entry with little advance notice. Airlines have cancelled many international flights and several cruise operators have suspended operations or cancelled trips. If you choose to travel internationally, your travel plans may be severely disrupted, and you may be forced to remain outside of the United States for an indefinite timeframe.

On March 14, the Department of State authorized the departure of U.S. personnel and family members from any diplomatic or consular post in the world who have determined they are at higher risk of a poor outcome if exposed to COVID-19 or who have requested departure based on a commensurate justification. These departures may limit the ability of U.S. Embassies and consulates to provide services to U.S. citizens.

Click here for the entire US State Department Level 4: Do Not Travel Global Health Advisory
MARCH 11: PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION BANNING TRAVEL FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION TO THE US

In an announcement on March 11, US President Trump suspended the entry of most foreign nationals who have been in certain European countries at any point during the 14 days prior to their scheduled arrival to the United States. These countries, known as the Schengen Area, include: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. This does not apply to legal permanent residents, (generally) immediate family members of US citizens, and other individuals who are identified in the proclamation.

The measures are similar to those implemented previously for travelers who had been in China and Iran; however, during the announcement, President Trump noted that travel restrictions to China and South Korea would be reevaluated as the situation continues to improve in the region.

US citizens will be permitted to return from the Schengen area. The Department of Homeland Security will be issuing instructions requiring US passengers that have been in the Schengen area to travel through select airports where the US Government has implemented enhanced screening procedures.


JANUARY 31: PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION ON NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

On Friday, January 31, President Trump signed a proclamation barring entry to the United States of most foreign nationals who traveled to China within the past 14 days. The proclamation is in effect as of February 2. This action follows the declaration of a public health emergency in the United States related to the COVID-19 outbreak in Wuhan, China.

CRUISE SHIP TRAVEL

NO SAIL ORDER FOR CRUISE SHIPS

The CDC Director has reason to believe that cruise ship travel may continue to introduce, transmit, or spread COVID-19. As such, the CDC Director issued a No Sail Order for cruise ships effective March 14, 2020. CDC commends the Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), the leading industry trade group, for their willingness to voluntarily suspend cruise ship operations from U.S. ports of call beginning on March 13, 2020 for the next thirty (30) days.

On April 9, 2020, CDC renewed the No Sail Order and Other Measures Related to Operations Order signed by the CDC Director on March 14, 2020—subject to the modifications and additional stipulated conditions as set forth in this Order. This Order shall continue in operation until the earliest of (1) the expiration of the Secretary of Health and Human Services’ declaration that COVID-19 constitutes a public health emergency; (2) the CDC Director rescinds or modifies the order based on specific public health or other considerations; or (3) 100 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register.

Click here for the full No Sail Order for Cruise Ships from the US CDC (Updated April 9)

CDC WARNING (LEVEL 3 NOTICE)

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a Level 3 Warning: Avoid Nonessential Travel—Widespread Ongoing Transmission for Cruise Ship Travel.

CDC recommends travelers, particularly those with underlying health issues, defer all cruise ship travel at this time. CDC typically posts travel health notices for countries and other international destinations, not conveyances, such as ships, airplanes, or trains. Because of the unusual nature of the novel coronavirus outbreak, the US government is advising US travelers, particularly those with underlying health issues, to defer cruise ship travel.

Recent reports of COVID-19 on cruise ships highlight the risk of infection to cruise ship passengers and crew. Like many other viruses, COVID-19 appears to spread more easily between people in close quarters aboard ships.

Person-to-person spread of COVID-19 is occurring and countries are reporting both travel-related cases and community spread of the disease. As the outbreak of COVID-19 continues, there remains a risk of infected travelers and crew boarding cruise ships.

It has become clear that people with underlying conditions such as heart disease, chronic lung disease, diabetes, and other conditions that cause suppression of immune system particularly among the older adults, are at a high risk of serious disease if infected with the novel coronavirus.

To best protect these vulnerable individuals, the CDC recommends that such individuals avoid situations that increase their risk of acquiring infections. This entails avoiding crowded places, avoiding non-essential travel such as long plane trips, and especially avoiding embarking on cruise ships.

In addition, the US Department of State recommends against cruise ship travel. This is a dynamic situation and those traveling by ship may be impacted by travel restrictions affecting their itineraries or ability to disembark or may be subject to quarantine procedures implemented by the local authorities. While the US government has successfully evacuated hundreds of our citizens in the previous weeks, repatriation flights should not be relied upon as an option for US citizens under the potential risk of quarantine by local authorities. US citizens should evaluate the risks associated with choosing to remain in an area that may be subject to quarantine and take the appropriate proactive measures. Passengers who plan to travel by cruise ship should contact their cruise line companies directly for further information on the current rules and restrictions and continue to monitor the travel.state.gov website for updated information.

Click here for the full notice on cruise ship travel from the US CDC.
US STATE DEPARTMENT WARNING FOR PASSENGERS ON CRUISE SHIPS

US citizens, particularly travelers with underlying health conditions, should not travel by cruise ship. CDC notes increased risk of infection of COVID-19 in a cruise ship environment. In order to curb the spread of COVID-19, many countries have implemented strict screening procedures that have denied port entry rights to ships and prevented passengers from disembarking. In some cases, local authorities have permitted disembarkation but subjected passengers to local quarantine procedures. While the US government has evacuated some cruise ship passengers in recent weeks, repatriation flights should not be relied upon as an option for US citizens under the potential risk of quarantine by local authorities.

This is a fluid situation. CDC notes that older adults and travelers with underlying health issues should avoid situations that put them at increased risk for more severe disease. This entails avoiding crowded places, avoiding non-essential travel such as long plane trips, and especially avoiding embarking on cruise ships. Passengers with plans to travel by cruise ship should contact their cruise line companies directly for further information and continue to monitor the Travel.state.gov website and see the latest information from the CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/cruise/index.html.
DISCLAIMER

All information contained in this document was sourced from the World Health Organization or US Center of Disease Control website and was accurate at the time of publication. As this is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation, the CDC and WHO websites linked below are the best sources for the most up-to-date information and guidance.

RESOURCES

US STATE DEPARTMENT
US State Department: Current Outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019

US CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION

On this website you can find information and guidance from the CDC regarding the current outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19); please visit this page for daily updates.

FURTHER INFORMATION & RESOURCES

• What You Need to Know About COVID-19
• About COVID-19
• News
• Information for Travelers
• Risk Assessment THE
• Cases: United States, Global

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019

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FURTHER INFORMATION & RESOURCES

• Protect Yourself
• Questions & Answers
• Myth-Busters
• Travel Advice
• Situation Reports