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**Air Travel Vaccination Requirements to the United States for Non-U.S. citizen & Non-U.S. immigrants**

Montego Bay, Jamaica, 17 November 2021// Effective November 8, 2021, non-citizens and non-immigrants seeking to enter the United States by air are **required to show proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19** before boarding a flight to the United States from a foreign country.

If you are a non-U.S. citizen non-U.S. immigrant and not fully vaccinated, you will not be allowed to enter the United States unless you meet the criteria for an exception under the Proclamation and CDC's Order. Only [limited exceptions apply](#) to the requirement to show proof of vaccination.

Passengers are also required to provide their airline with a negative COVID-19 viral test (regardless of vaccination status) before travelling by air into the United States. Fully vaccinated passengers are required to present a negative test no more than 3 days before their flights departure along with proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Wearing a mask over your nose and mouth is required in indoor areas of public transportation (including airplanes) traveling into, within, or out of the United States and indoors in U.S. transportation hubs (including airports).

**You are considered fully vaccinated:**

- 2 weeks (14 days) after your dose of an accepted single-dose vaccine
- 2 weeks (14 days) after your second dose of an accepted 2-dose series
- 2 weeks (14 days) after you received the full series of an accepted COVID-19 vaccine (not placebo) in a clinical trial
- 2 weeks (14 days) after you received the full series of a Novavax (or Covovax) COVID-19 vaccine (not placebo) in a phase 3 clinical trial
- 2 weeks (14 days) after you received 2 doses of any "mix-and-match" combination of accepted COVID-19 vaccines administered at least 17 days apart.

**ACCEPTED COVID-19 VACCINES**

**Vaccines approved or authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration:**

- Single dose – Janssen/J&J
- 2-dose series – Pfizer BioNTech and Moderna



**Vaccines listed for emergency use (EUL) by the World Health Organization:**

- Single dose – Janssen/J&J
- 2-dose series: Pfizer BioNTech, Moderna, AstraZeneca, Covaxin, Covishield, BIBP/Sinopharm and Sinovac.

**Acceptable proof of COVID-19 Vaccination:**

- Verifiable records (digital or paper) e.g. vaccination certificate with QR code, digital pass via Smartphone application with QR code (e.g., United Kingdom National Health Service COVID Pass, European Union Digital COVID Certificate).
- Non-verifiable paper records e.g. Printout of COVID-19 vaccination record or a COVID-19 vaccination certificate issued at national or subnational level or by an authorized vaccine provider (e.g., the CDC vaccination card).
- Non-verifiable digital records e.g. Digital photos of vaccination card or record, downloaded vaccine record or vaccination certificate from official source (e.g., public health agency, government agency, or other authorized vaccine provider), or a mobile phone application without QR code.

**All forms of COVID-19 vaccination are required to have the following:**

- Personal identifiers (full name plus at least one other identifier such as date of birth or passport number) that match the personal identifiers on the passenger's passport or other travel documents
- Name of official source issuing the record (e.g., public health agency, government agency, or other authorized vaccine provider)
- Vaccine manufacturer and date(s) of vaccination

For more information we refer you to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/testing-international-air-travelers.html>

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