COVID-19 Tests Required for Air Travelers to the U.S. Beginning January 26

On January 12, 2021, the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) [issued an order](https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/fr-proof-negative-test.html) requiring all air passengers arriving in the US from a foreign country to be tested no more than 3 days before their flight departs and to provide proof of the negative result or documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 to the airline before boarding the flight. This order will go into effect on January 26, 2021, and the CDC has [posted an FAQ page](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/testing-international-air-travelers.html) which explains the new requirement.

This new requirement is in addition to the [existing physical presence bans](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/from-other-countries.html) limiting travel from certain countries. Students from Schengen Area, the United Kingdom, and Ireland can still enter the United States with proof of a negative COVID-19 test if they are F-1 students or J-1 students who have obtained a national interest exception (NIE).

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