New Travel Restrictions for Travelers from South Africa; other COVID-19 travel restrictions remain in place

On Monday, January 25, the U.S. government announced new travel restrictions [1] for foreign nationals who have been in South Africa in the past 14 days. There are no changes to the other COVID-19 travel restrictions [2].

The restriction affecting travelers from South Africa will be implemented on 12:01 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on January 30, 2021. All foreign nationals who have been in the Republic of South Africa in the 14 days preceding their planned arrival will be denied entry after these restrictions take effect. There are some exceptions [1]; for example permanent residents of the U.S are not affected.

If you plan to arrive in the United States after these restrictions take effect, please consult your airline about what options may be available to you. If your scheduled arrival will be delayed, please contact the International Center at icenter@umich.edu [3]. We will work with you and your host department on any necessary updates to your immigration documents.

If you are an active F-1 or J-1 international student or scholar who is currently in the Republic of South Africa, please complete this Travel Registry form [4].

Details are still emerging and changes may occur. The University of Michigan is actively monitoring the situation. The International Center will post additional information as it becomes available.

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