Travel

Current International Travel Restrictions and Considerations
- Travelers Prohibited Entry from Entry to the United States due to COVID-19 [1]
- Negative COVID-19 Test Result of Proof of Recovery Required [2]- effective 1/26/2020
- Closure of Land Border Crossings with Canada and Mexico to Non-Essential Travel [4] (extended until 2/21/21)
- Phased Resumption of Routine Visa Services [5]

Traveling in the U.S.

If you are traveling within the U.S., especially outside of the immediate Ann Arbor area, you should carry your original immigration/status documents (e.g. passport, I-94 print-out [6] and H-1B approval notice) with you. Even though you most likely will not be asked for them, it is important to note that, by law [7], you are required to carry your “registration form” with you. As a non-immigrant, your registration form is your I-94. Please be sure to store copies of all your immigration documents, should you lose your original documents and need to replace them.

Before You Travel Internationally

While you hold H-1B status, you are free to travel internationally. Before you travel, please review the University of Michigan Travel Information & Registration website [8], which includes current travel conditions and helpful links, as well as a registration for faculty, staff and students traveling for University-related activities. The Department of State also issues travel alerts and warnings [9].

Entering the U.S. for the First Time

Individuals coming to the U.S. in H-1B, TN and E-3 status may enter the country as early as ten days prior to the approved start date as indicated on their H-1B Approval Notice/LCA (E-3) or TN documents. Individuals attempting to enter the U.S. before this 10-day period run the risk of being refused admission at the border.

Please be sure to review CBP’s international visitor information [10] to review important information regarding the admission process and about bringing food [11], medication [12], pets [13] and money and
other monetary instruments [14] into the U.S. Also, note that CBP reserves the right to inspect your electronic devices [15], such as your cell phone, tablet or laptop. If your electronic device is selected for such an inspection, you should receive a CBP fact sheet [16] with additional details.

**Re-entering the U.S.**

To re-enter the US after a stay abroad, you should always bring the following documents:

- Valid passport
- Valid visa stamp, if applicable, in the appropriate category (H-1B, E-3, TN, etc.) [17]
- H-1B Approval Notice, if applicable
- Copy of your immigration status application:
  - H-1B petition
  - TN letter
  - E-3 LCA and/or petition
- Three last paystubs
- Employment Confirmation Letter from your department [18]

**Upon your return to the U.S.**

Please send a copy of your new I-94 record [19] to the International Center for verification!

**Travel while an H-1B Petition is Pending** [20]

**Travel while a Green Card Petition is Pending** [21]