Travel

Current International Travel Restrictions and Considerations
- Travelers Prohibited Entry from Entry to the United States due to COVID-19 [1] (also applies to transit passengers)
- Negative COVID-19 Test Result or Proof of Recovery Required [4]- effective 1/26/2020
- Presidential Proclamation 10052 temporarily suspending entry of certain H-1B and other nonimmigrants expired on 3/31/21 [5].
- Closure of Land Border Crossings with Canada [6] and Mexico [7] to Non-Essential Travel (extended until 7/21/21)
- Phased Resumption of Routine Visa Services [8]
- Expansion of Interview Waiver Eligibility [9]
- CDC and UM Requirements for International Travelers to Campus [10]

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 [11] 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 [12], 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 [13], 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 [14].

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](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/cdc-and-u-m-requirements-international-travelers-campus) to review important information regarding the admission process and about bringing [food](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news/update-on-presidential-proclamation-10052.html), [medication](https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/cdc-and-u-m-requirements-international-travelers-campus), [pets](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news/expansion-of-interview-waiver-eligibility.html) and [money and other monetary instruments](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news/expansion-of-interview-waiver-eligibility.html) into the U.S. Also, note that [CBP reserves the right to inspect your electronic devices](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news/expansion-of-interview-waiver-eligibility.html), 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](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news/expansion-of-interview-waiver-eligibility.html) 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
- 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](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news/visa-services-operating-status-update.html)

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

Please send a copy of your new [I-94 record](https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94) to the International Center for verification!

**Links**

[10] https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/cdc-and-u-m-requirements-international-travelers-campus

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