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)
- COVID-19 Travel Restrictions and Exceptions [4]
- Negative COVID-19 Test Result or Proof of Recovery Required [5]- effective 1/26/2020
- Presidential Proclamation 10052 temporarily suspending entry of certain H-1B and other nonimmigrants expired on 3/31/21 [6].
- Closure of Land Border Crossings with Canada [7] and Mexico [8] to Non-Essential Travel (extended until 8/21/21)
- Eased restriction for discretionary travel to Canada [9] (effective 8/9/21)
- Phased Resumption of Routine Visa Services [10]
- Expansion of Interview Waiver Eligibility [11]
- CDC and UM Requirements for International Travelers to Campus [12]

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 [13] 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 [14], 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 [15], 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 [16].

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 [17] to review important information regarding the admission process and about bringing food [18], medication [19], pets [20] and money and other monetary instruments [21] into the U.S. Also, note that CBP reserves the right to inspect your electronic devices [22], 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 [23] 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.)** [24]
- 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 [25]

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

Please send a copy of your new I-94 record [26] to the International Center for verification!

**Travel while an H-1B Petition is Pending** [27]
**Travel while a Green Card Petition is Pending** [28]

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**Links**
