Travel

Current International Travel Restrictions and Considerations
- Travelers Prohibited Entry from Entry to the United States due to COVID-19 [1]
- National Interest Exceptions to Presidential Proclamations Suspending Entry of Certain Non-Immigrant [2]
- Closure of Land Border Crossings with Canada and Mexico to Non-Essential Travel [3]
- Phased Resumption of Routine Visa Services [4]

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 [5] 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 [6], 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 [7], 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 [8].

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 [9] to review important information regarding the admission process and about bringing food [10], medication [11], pets [12] and money and other monetary instruments [13] into the U.S. Also, note that CBP reserves the right to inspect your electronic devices [14], 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 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.)
- 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

Upon your return to the U.S.

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

Travel while an H-1B Petition is Pending
Travel while a Green Card Petition is Pending

Source URL: https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/fsis/travel

Links
[6] http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?c=ecfr&amp;sid=2a2fb8818c14e10c49101309dcf65c7a&amp;rgn=div8&amp;view=text&amp;node=8:1.0.1.2.48.0.1.1&amp;idno=8
[16] https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/fsis/applying-visa