

## 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) ([to expire 11/8/21](#) [2])
- [National Interest Exception](#) [3] for certain travelers affected by [COVID-19 travel restrictions](#) [4]
- [National Interest Exception extension of validity](#) [5]
- [COVID-19 Travel Restrictions and Exceptions](#) [6]
- [Negative COVID-19 Test Result or Proof of Recovery Required](#) [7]- effective 1/26/2020
- Closure of Land Border Crossings with [Canada](#) [8] and [Mexico](#) [9] to Non-Essential Travel ([to expire 11/8/21](#) [10])
- [Eased restrictions for discretionary travel to Canada](#) [11] (effective 8/9/21)
- [Phased Resumption of Routine Visa Services](#) [12]
- [Expansion of Interview Waiver Eligibility](#) [13]
- [CDC and UM Requirements for International Travelers to Campus](#) [14]

## 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](#) [15] 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](#) [16], 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](#) [17], 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](#) [18].

## 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](#) [19] to review important information regarding the admission process and about bringing [food](#) [20], [medication](#) [21], [pets](#) [22] and [money and other monetary instruments](#) [23] into the U.S. Also, note that [CBP reserves the right to inspect your electronic devices](#) [24], 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](#) [25] 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 \(H-1B, E-3, TN, etc.\)](#) [26]
- 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](#) [27]

## Upon your return to the U.S.

Please send a copy of your new [I-94 record](#) [28] to the International Center for verification!

[Travel while an H-1B Petition is Pending](#) [29]

[Travel while a Green Card Petition is Pending](#) [30]

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### Links

[1] <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/from-other-countries.html>

[2] <https://twitter.com/KMunoz46/status/1448994395957641241?s=20>

[3] <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news/national-interest-exceptions-for-certain-travelers-from-china-iran-india-brazil-south-africa-schengen-area-united-kingdom-and-ireland.html>

[4] <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/from-other-countries.html>

[5] <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news/extension-validity-for-nies-for-china-iran-brazil-south-africa-schengen-uk-ireland-india.html>

[6] <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/covid-19-travel-restrictions-and-exceptions.html>

[7] <https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/fr-proof-negative-test.html>

[8] <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/09/22/2021-20343/notification-of-temporary-travel-restrictions-applicable-to-land-ports-of-entry-and-ferries-service>

[9] <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/09/22/2021-20344/notification-of-temporary-travel-restrictions-applicable-to-air-ports-of-entry-and-ferries-service>

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[10]

<http://www.dhs.gov/news/2021/10/12/secretary-mayorkas-allow-fully-vaccinated-travelers-canada-and-mexico-enter-us-land-ports-of-entry-and-ferries-service>

[11] <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2021/07/easing-border-measures-for-fully-vaccinated-travelers-entering-canada---permitting-discretionary-travel-for-citizens-and-permanent-residents-of-th.html>

[12] <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news/visa-services-operating-status-update.html>

[13] <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news/expansion-of-interview-waiver-eligibility.html>

[14] <https://campusblueprint.umich.edu/faqs/#what-do-i-need-to-do-when-i-travel-to-campus-from--broad-or-from-another-u-s-state-header>

[15] <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94>

[16]

[17] <https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=2a2fb8818c14e10c49101309dcf65c7a&rgn=div8&view=text&node=8:1.0.1.2.48.0.1.1&idno=8>

[18] <https://global.umich.edu/travel-resources/register-your-travel/>

[19] <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

[20] <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

[21] <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors>

[22] <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors>

[23] [https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/3619/kw/food](https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/3619/kw/food)

[24] [https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/1160/kw/medication](https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/1160/kw/medication)

[25] [https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/66/kw/pets](https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/66/kw/pets)

[26] <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/kbyg/money>

[27] <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/cbp-search-authority>

[28] <https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/inspection-electronic-devices-tearsheet.pdf>

[29] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/fsis/applying-visa>

[30] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/fsis/employment-confirmation-letter>

[31] <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/i-94>

[32] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/fsis/travel-while-h1b-petition-pending>

[33] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/fsis/travel-pending-green-card-application>