United States Requirement for Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination for Air Passengers

On 25 October 2021, the President of the United States issued Proclamation to suspend and limit the entry into the United States for non-U.S. and nonimmigrants seeking to enter the United States by air travel and not fully vaccinated against COVID-19. On the same day the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued an Order of the requirement for proof of COVID-19 vaccination for non-U.S. citizen, nonimmigrant passengers arriving from a foreign country to the United States by air. The public is hereby advised of the contents of the Order, as follows:

1. Noncitizens who are nonimmigrants and seeking to enter the United States by air are required to show proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before boarding a flight to the United States from a foreign country.
2. If the passenger is not fully vaccinated against COVID-19, the passenger will NOT be allowed to board a flight to the United States, unless the passenger meet the criteria for an exception under the Proclamation and CDC’s Order.
3. Categories of noncitizen nonimmigrants who meet the criteria for an exception under the Proclamation and CDC’s Order include:

   - Persons on diplomatic or official foreign government travel
   - Children under 18 years of age
   - Persons with documented medical contraindications to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine
   - Participants in certain COVID-19 vaccine trials
   - Persons issued a humanitarian or emergency exception
   - Persons with valid visas [excluding B-1 (business) or B-2 (tourism) visas] who are citizens of a foreign country with limited COVID-19 vaccine availability
   - Members of the U.S. Armed Forces or their spouses or children (under 18 years of age)
   - Sea crew members traveling with to a C-1 and D nonimmigrant visa
   - Persons whose entry would be in the national interest, as determined by the Secretary of State, Secretary of Transportation, or Secretary of Homeland Security (or their designees)

4. For noncitizen’s or nonimmigrants who do not fall under any of above exceptions, passengers must show proof of being fully vaccinated before boarding a flight to the United States.
5. For additional information on recommendations and requirements before and during travel to the United States and after arriving in the United States, visit Non-U.S. citizen Non-U.S. immigrants: Air Travel to the United States.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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