



GUIDANCE FOR UNIVERSITY-AFFILIATED STUDENT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

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This guidance is effective as of the date above. This guidance is current as of the date listed herein and is subject to change.

Recognizing that travel imposes additional risks relative to the spread of COVID-19, Penn State has developed the following guidance for international travel by students. [Policy TR01](#), International Travel Requirements, applies to all international travel.

COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement for University-Affiliated Travel

For all travel that begins on August 1, 2021 or later, all students conducting university-affiliated international travel, regardless of the funding source, must be [fully vaccinated](#) against COVID-19 by the date of departure. People are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine. Please note the following:

- Some students may not be vaccinated due to exemptions for medical, disability, or religious reasons. In these cases, the student should contact the following offices to request documented affirmation of their exemption:
 - Medical condition: University Health Services at uhs-insurance@psu.edu
 - Documented disability: Student Disability Resources Office at edaccessibility@psu.edu
 - Religious belief: Affirmative Action Office at aao@psu.edu
- Students who are not vaccinated and do not have a documented exemption must submit unit executive approval that travel is essential.
- Students are reminded that exemptions approved by Penn State offices hold no influence with foreign governments. Any student who is not vaccinated, for whatever reason, may be denied entry into a country and/or access to travel means to or from that location.
- Students whose approval for travel was granted prior to August 1 are exempt from this requirement, but strongly recommended to be fully vaccinated.

Guidance

Effective August 16, 2021 for all university-affiliated international travel with departure dates of September 16, 2021 or later, all students traveling on University Affiliated International Travel must record the trip with the [Travel Safety Network](#) (TSN) prior to

travel, if their travel is not part of a University-affiliated group trip which has already been recorded. Students and employees traveling internationally on an Education Abroad program will have their travel recorded by Education Abroad and do not need to complete a TSN record for these programs. Students wishing to travel internationally must register their university-affiliated travel with the Travel Safety Network at least 30 days in advance or as soon as possible once travel is planned. All students wishing to travel should first review the list of [restricted countries](#), which includes countries restricted for security and regulatory reasons and also countries with high COVID-19 risks. This list will be reviewed periodically and is subject to change. Additional forms, review and approval is required for student travel to restricted countries. Students must receive approval for travel to restricted countries prior to purchasing airline tickets, hotel accommodations, etc. The Global Safety Office (TSN@psu.edu) will continue to assist university-affiliated international travelers and be a resource for any questions about health and safety at your destination(s).

Travelers must:

- practice physical distancing and hygiene recommendations before and during travel.
- obtain masks, hand sanitizer, and any PPE that might be necessary in the course of your work while traveling.
- follow all COVID-19 guidelines and requirements of the destination.
- monitor their health and follow COVID-19 health and safety precautions upon returning home. The [CDC recommends](#) that vaccinated travelers get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel and self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms. Individuals who become ill/symptomatic must stay home and follow the COVID-19 reporting protocols.

Arrange any necessary air travel through Anthony Travel, Penn State's preferred travel agency, unless it is not possible to do so. One of the benefits of using Anthony Travel is that the traveler has 24-hour access to an agent should they experience a flight delay, cancellation, or other travel disruption, which is particularly useful during COVID times.

Below is further information about booking through Anthony Travel:

- Travel arrangements can be booked through Concur or directly through Anthony Travel outside of Concur. Because Penn State does not have student profiles in Concur, if a unit wants the student to book via Concur, an employee would need to make the reservation for the student as a guest traveler (<https://travel.psu.edu/>) and click on the "Travel OnLion" tab).
- Travel may be booked by Purchasing Card or personal credit card. An employee in the unit in which the student is making the travel request may use a Purchasing Card to purchase travel for the student or the student may use a personal credit card and be reimbursed by the unit.