Spring 2022 COVID-19 Pre-Departure and Arrival Expectations for International Travelers

Before your departure to the United States:

If you are not fully vaccinated\(^\dagger\) with a U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or World Health Organization (WHO) approved COVID-19 vaccine, limit interactions with others as much as possible for 7 days prior to your departure to the U.S. to avoid being exposed to COVID-19.

Note: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requires all air passengers entering the U.S. (including U.S. citizens and Lawful Permanent Residents) to present a negative COVID-19 test taken within 3 calendar days (if fully vaccinated) and 1 calendar day (not fully vaccinated) or proof of recovery from the virus within the past 90 days. If you are not a U.S. citizen, national, Lawful Permanent Resident or traveling to the U.S. on an immigrant visa, you must present proof of being fully vaccinated. Limited exceptions apply. (Effective November 8, 2021).

\(\dagger\) You are fully vaccinated:
- 14 days after your second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines, or
- 14 days after your second dose of any “mix-and-match” combination of accepted, 2-dose COVID-19 vaccines administered at least 17 days apart, or
- 14 days after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccine.

Booster status is not currently a CDC requirement for arrival to the U.S.

\(\dagger\) COVID-19 vaccines approved by U.S. FDA or WHO include:
- Pfizer-BioNTech
- Moderna
- Sinopharm
- Covaxin
- Covishield
- Johnson & Johnson/Janssen
- AstraZeneca/Oxford vaccine
- Sinovac
- Comirnaty (Pfizer/BioNTech)

Upon arrival to Austin:

Are you fully vaccinated\(\dagger\)?

(see above)

**YES**

You do not need to quarantine after arriving in Austin.

**NO**

1 From the time you depart:
- Follow U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance for wearing a mask, staying 6 feet from others (where possible) and washing/sanitizing your hands. Continue doing so after you arrive in the U.S. as long as you are not fully vaccinated\(\dagger\).

2 Self-quarantine for 7 days after arriving.
- Monitor yourself for COVID-19-like symptoms. Those living in university-owned housing can move in on or after the dates below and can complete the remainder or all of their quarantine there.

Incoming and returning students:
- University apartments - coordinate move-in dates with University Housing and Dining.
- If you will miss class(es) because of your quarantine period and want help communicating with academic leadership, contact the Behavior and COVID Concerns Advice Line for assistance.

Employees: notify the Occupational Health Program of your return from international travel and for guidance on quarantining and leave options.

3 Get tested 3-5 days after you arrive.

Although you will be in quarantine, get a free COVID-19 rapid antigen test through the UT Proactive Community Testing (PCT) Program. Continue to follow CDC protective guidelines (see #1). If you choose not to test, quarantine for 10 (versus 7) days. If you remain asymptomatic, continue to test through PCT twice per week. If your test results are positive, start isolation and contact the University Health Services (UHS) Nurse Advice Line at 512-475-6877 (Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.) for questions.

If you are a student and develop symptoms, get tested at UHS. UT employees, go to UT Health Austin.

4 Get vaccinated.

Students, employees and visiting scholars can find where to get a COVID-19 vaccine on campus at Protect Texas Together.

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