

FAQ – CDC Exceptions to the Vaccination or Testing Requirements

Do I qualify for an exception to the vaccine requirement?

For more information on CDC approved vaccination exceptions please visit the CDC's Frequently Asked Questions on vaccine exceptions [here](#). CDC has instructed that the criteria for vaccine exceptions are narrow, and the urgency must be readily apparent. If you are a noncitizen, nonimmigrant who does not fall under any of the vaccine or testing exceptions listed on the above noted CDC FAQs, you must show proof of being fully vaccinated before boarding a flight to the United States.

Individuals or airline carriers seeking to allow boarding who believe they meet the criteria for a waiver should contact the Embassy Belgrade at ConsBelgrade@state.gov and provide the information for each passenger listed below.

The Department of State does not have the authority to approve or deny requests for vaccination exceptions. The CDC will adjudicate and approve or deny all requests for exception to the vaccination requirement for humanitarian or emergency reasons. The Embassy will transmit your information to the CDC for review. We do not have a time frame regarding how long the review process will take.

The following information must be provided for each passenger:

- a. Type of Humanitarian or emergency request
 - Exemption from predeparture testing requirement; and/or
 - Exception for requirement for proof of being fully vaccinated
- b. Name (family name/surname, given name), passport number, and nationality
- c. Cell phone number including country code of passenger or head of household if family unit
- d. Email address of passenger or head of household if family unit
- e. U.S. destination address
 - Is U.S. destination home address?
- f. Flight itinerary, including any connecting flights
 - Airline
Flight #
 - Departure airport and date of departure
 - Arrival airport and date of arrival
- g. Vaccination Status
 - Fully Vaccinated
 - Name of vaccine product (or products if a combination)
 - Date of first dose
 - Date of second dose (if a two-dose series)
 - PDF or photograph of vaccination record
 - NOT Fully Vaccinated

- h. Purpose of travel to the United States (provide brief explanation of why urgent travel is needed and how travel will contribute to health and safety of passengers(s))
- i. As applicable:
 - Justification for humanitarian exemption for testing requirement (e.g., no testing available where passenger is located)
 - Justification for humanitarian or emergency exception to providing proof of being fully vaccinated (e.g., vaccine availability, passenger ineligible for vaccine at location, insufficient time to become fully vaccinated)
- j. Documentation to support justification for exception if provided (e.g., medical records or orders for medical evacuation)
- k. Information regarding any other solutions that were sought prior to application (e.g., flight changes, testing en route, assistance in obtaining testing/vaccination, etc.)

Do I qualify for an exemption to the testing requirement?

For more information on CDC approved testing exemptions please visit the CDC's Frequently Asked Questions on testing exemptions [here](#). Exemptions may be granted by the CDC on an extremely limited basis when emergency travel (like an emergency medical evacuation) must occur to preserve someone's life, health against a serious danger, or physical safety and testing cannot be completed before travel.

The Department of State does not have the authority to approve or deny requests for testing exemptions. Individuals or airline carriers seeking to allow boarding by potentially qualifying individuals who believe they meet the criteria for a waiver should contact Embassy Belgrade at ConsBelgrade@state.gov and provide the information below. The Embassy will transmit your information to the CDC for review. We do not have a time frame regarding how long the review process will take.

The following information must be provided for each passenger:

Name (family name/surname, given name)

- a. Passport #
- b. Nationality
- c. Cell phone number (including country code) of passenger or head of household if family unit
- d. Email address of passenger or head of household if family unit
- e. US destination address
 - Is US destination home address?
- f. Flight itinerary, including any connecting flights
 - Airline
 - Flight #
 - Departure airport and date of departure
 - Arrival airport and date of arrival
- g. Vaccination Status
 - Fully Vaccinated
 - Name of vaccine product (or products if a combination)

- Date of first dose
 - Date of second dose (if a two-dose series)
 - PDF or photograph of vaccination record
 - NOT Fully Vaccinated
- h. Purpose of travel to the US and a brief explanation of why urgent travel is needed
 - i. Justification for humanitarian exemption for **testing requirement** (e.g., no testing available where passenger is located)
 - j. Documentation to support justification (e.g., medical records, orders for emergency evacuation)
 - k. Information regarding any other solutions that were sought prior to application (e.g., flight changes, testing en route, assistance in obtaining testing/vaccination, etc.)