

US - Travel Restrictions

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Please be aware that the following alert may be currently affecting **1** of your travelers.

Headline: US - Travel Restrictions

Severity: Critical

Travelers affected: 1

Details:

The US will ban foreign passengers who have traveled within the Schengen Area within 14 days of arrival from entering the country to stem the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The measure will begin at 0001 March 13 and will remain in effect through at least April 12. The restriction does not affect US citizens, their immediate relatives (in most cases), or legal permanent residents. The US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a press release March 11, clarifying that there is not a blanket flight ban on travel between the US and Europe, following earlier statements from US President Donald Trump. DHS also indicated that it would announce further measures for US citizens and permanent residents in the coming days that will designate specific airports for arriving flights from affected European countries. The Schengen Area includes Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. Airlines are likely to adjust their flight schedules in the coming days; reduced demand is likely to exacerbate flight disruptions between the US and destinations in the affected countries. President Trump and other officials have stated that the travel restrictions for Schengen countries could be adjusted before the scheduled end date. However, further restrictions remain possible in the coming days.

Analysis:

The travel restrictions come amid the ongoing outbreak of COVID-19, which originated in China's Wuhan City in Hubei Province. The purpose of the travel restrictions is to prevent the spread of the disease. The WHO has declared the disease a pandemic.

Advice:

Individuals affected by the restrictions should reconfirm their flights. Follow all official immigration and health screening instructions. Allow additional time for immigration and health screenings. Consider delaying traveling if experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19, as they may prompt increased scrutiny and delays. Exercise basic health precautions, especially frequent handwashing with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are unavailable. There is no evidence that the influenza vaccine, antibiotics, or antiviral medications will prevent this disease, highlighting the importance of diligent basic health precautions.

Start date: 2020-03-12 03:34:24 UTC

End date: 2020-03-31 23:59:00 UTC

Categories: Entry/exit

Incident type: Travel restrictions

Affected area: Nationwide

Affected range: [Multiple locations](#)

Affected countries: United States



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