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## Quarantine and Isolation

# Interim Final Rule: Control of Communicable Diseases: Foreign Quarantine; Suspension of Introduction of Persons Into United States From Designated Foreign Countries or Places for Public Health Purposes

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published an interim final rule to amend its Foreign Quarantine regulations, to provide a procedure for CDC to suspend the introduction of persons from designated countries or places, if required, in the interest of public health. This interim final rule was published and effective on March 24, 2020 and the public comment period closed on April 23, 2020. [The interim final rule is published on the Office of the Federal Register's](#) [link](#).

# Order Suspending Introduction of Certain Persons from Countries Where a Communicable Disease Exists

May 19, 2020

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the amendment and extension of an Order issued on March 20, 2020 and extended on April 20, 2020 under Sections 362 and 365 of the Public Health Service Act, and associated implementing regulations, that temporarily suspends the introduction of certain aliens based on the Director's determination that introduction of aliens, regardless of their country of origin, migrating through Canada and Mexico into the United States creates a serious danger of the introduction of COVID-19 into the United States, and the danger is so increased by the introduction of such aliens that a temporary suspension is necessary to protect the public health. This amendment and extension goes into effect at 12:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on May 21, 2020 and shall remain in effect until the CDC Director determines that the danger of further introduction of COVID-19 into the United States from covered aliens has ceased to be a serious danger to the public health, and the Order is no longer necessary to protect the public health. CDC shall review the latest information regarding the status of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health risks every thirty days to ensure that the Order remains necessary to protect the public health.

See the [attached order \(print-only\)](#) ■ [\[PDF – 12 pages\]](#) for the full requirements.

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April 20, 2020

On April 20, 2020, CDC announced an extension of an Order issued March 20, 2020 under Sections 362 and 365 of the Public Health Service Act, and associated implementing regulations, that suspends the introduction of certain persons from countries where an outbreak of a communicable disease exists. The Order shall continue in operation for an additional 30 days.

See the [attached order \(print-only\)](#) ■ [\[PDF – 7 pages\]](#) for the full requirements.

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March 20, 2020

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a component of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), announces the issuance of a an Order under Section 362 and 365 of the Public Health Service Act that suspends the introduction of certain persons from countries where an outbreak of a communicable disease exists. The Order was issued on March 20, 2020.

See the [attached order \(print-only\)](#) ■ [\[PDF – 44 pages\]](#) for the full requirements.

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