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Effective January 26, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) will require all air passengers two years of age and over entering the United States (including U.S. citizens and Legal Permanent Residents) to present a negative COVID-19 test, taken within three (3) calendar days of departure, or proof of recovery from the virus within the last 90 days. Airlines must confirm the negative test result or proof of recent recovery for all passengers prior to boarding. Airlines must deny boarding of passengers who do not provide documentation of a negative test or recovery.

See the [CDC Proof of Negative Test Result page](#) to view the order, complete the attestation, and to see FAQ's.

Humanitarian exemptions to this order will be granted on an extremely limited basis and will only be considered when the country of departure lacks adequate SARS-CoV-2 testing capacity and cannot meet the requirements to provide a negative viral COVID-19 test within three (3) calendar days of departure. **There are no waivers available through this process for individuals who test positive for COVID-19.** Individuals - or air carriers seeking to allow boarding by potentially qualifying individuals - who believe they meet the criteria for a waiver should contact the embassy or consulate serving the location from which they plan to depart and provide the information below. The embassy or consulate will then submit the request to the CDC for consideration.

To be eligible for consideration for a humanitarian exemption to this order, an individual's situation must meet both of the below criteria:

- Emergency travel is required to preserve

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health and safety (e.g. medical evacuations).

- Predeparture testing cannot be accessed or completed before travel.

The following information must be provided for each passenger:

- a. Name (family name/surname, given name), passport number and country
- b. Cell phone number including country code of passenger or head of household if family unit
- c. Email address of passenger or head of household if family unit
- d. U.S. destination address
 - i. Is U.S. destination home address?
- e. Departure date
- f. Flight itinerary
- g. Name of submitting entity if different from passenger
- h. Name of company submitting on behalf of passenger(s) (if applicable)
- i. Name of point of contact submitting on behalf of passenger(s) (if applicable)
- j. Phone and email address for POC submitting waiver request on behalf of passenger(s) (if applicable)
- k. Purpose of travel to the U.S. (provide brief explanation of why urgent travel is needed and how travel will contribute to health and safety of passengers(s))
- l. Justification for testing waiver (e.g. no testing available, impact on health and safety)
- m. Documentation to support justification for

test waiver, if available (e.g. medical records or orders for medical evacuation).