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Consular Newsletter



As this very challenging year comes to an end, I want to take this opportunity, on behalf of the entire team in the Consular Section at the U.S. Embassy in Haiti to extend our best wishes for 2022.

The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to bring new adjustments that have touched everyone. Fortunately, this year we have been able to stay open for all U.S. citizen services. We know how important a passport or birth certificate can be and we will do our utmost to continue to serve the U.S. citizen community in Haiti through the ongoing pandemic and the continued security challenges here in Haiti.

I would like to personally thank our Citizen Liaison Volunteers (CLVs) and other members of the U.S. citizen community in Haiti for their dedication and generosity. Our CLVs are responsible for alerting citizens in their area of any important security updates and assisting the Embassy in communicating with citizens during crisis situations. We look forward to being in touch frequently throughout 2022.

The welfare and safety of U.S. citizens abroad is the highest priority of the Department of State. The U.S. Government's [travel advisory for Haiti](#) remains at "Level 4: Do Not Travel" due to kidnapping, crime, civil unrest, and COVID-19.

Please sign up for STEP, our [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#). Please also review [what the State Department can and can't do during a crisis](#).

As you plan travel in the coming year, we want to remind all U.S. citizen travelers of the health-related requirements for travel to the United States. Effective December 6, all air travelers, regardless of citizenship or vaccination status, are required to show a negative pre-departure COVID-19 viral test taken no more than one day before they board their flight to the United States. You can find all the updated CDC requirements for travel [here](#). The CDC has a very useful [Travel Assessment](#) where you can select your specific circumstances and find out if you can board a flight to the United States.

Even with this new one-day testing requirement, we want to emphasize—particularly for family members that might not be U.S. citizens, that all non-citizen, nonimmigrant airline passengers traveling to the U.S. must still demonstrate proof of COVID vaccination as defined by the U.S. [CDC Director Order](#) prior to boarding a U.S.-bound aircraft. Our "Ask the Consul" feature this month provides more information, and you can always find the latest on our Embassy webpage.

Again, best wishes to all for 2022!

--John Whiteley

Consul General

U.S. Embassy Port-au-Prince

Ask the Consul: Testing Requirements for Travel



Each month we'll be answering some of your frequently asked questions. This month, COVID-19 travel requirements changed to better protect U.S. citizens against the Delta and Omicron variants. The changes came from a [White House announcement](#) and a [CDC Global Travel Order](#).

Q: What requirements have been revised?

A: The CDC tightened COVID-19 testing requirements for international travel into

the U.S. to **one day**. Beginning December 6, all air travelers, regardless of citizenship or vaccination status, are required to show a negative pre-departure COVID-19 viral test taken no more than one day before they board their flight to the United States. For example, a passenger whose flight to the United States is at any time on a Sunday would need to have a negative test taken at any time on Saturday. You can find all the updated CDC requirements for travel [here](#).

Q: What if I'm vaccinated? Do I still need a COVID-19 test to travel?

A: Yes. Regardless of vaccination status or citizenship, all air travelers are required to show a negative pre-departure COVID-19 viral test taken the day before they board their flight to the United States.

Q: I'm a U.S. citizen, but I'm not vaccinated. Can I still travel to the United States?

A: Yes, the Presidential Proclamation and CDC's order do not apply to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, or U.S. lawful permanent residents (green card holders). The CDC recommends you do not travel internationally until you are fully vaccinated.

Q: I have a tourist visa, and I'm not vaccinated. Can I still travel to the United States?

A: If you are not a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, lawful permanent resident, or immigrant, you must be **fully vaccinated** to travel to the United States by plane. Only limited exceptions apply. You are also required to show a negative pre-departure COVID-19 viral test taken no more than one day before boarding the flight to the United States. You are considered fully vaccinated two weeks (14 days) after your dose of an accepted single-dose vaccine or two weeks (14 days) after your second dose of an accepted two-dose vaccine. You can find all the requirements for non-U.S. citizens [here](#).

For more information, visit:

[CDC Travel Page](#)

[CDC Travel Assessment](#)

[U.S. Embassy COVID Page](#)

Q: These rules keep changing! Where can I stay up to date?

A: You can find the most updated information about international travel requirements for COVID-19 on the website for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The best place to start is [here](#), where you can take CDC's [Travel Assessment](#).

Q: Where can I get vaccinated in Haiti? **A:** There are vaccines available throughout Haiti for U.S. citizens to receive. Currently, the Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are available in Haiti. Please visit the [U.S. Embassy COVID-19 Information page](#) for a list of vaccine facilities in Haiti.

Health Resources & COVID-19

COVID-19: For updated information about COVID-19 in Haiti, including **where to get vaccinated**, where to get tested, entry/exit requirements, and quarantine information, [please visit the Embassy website](#). The COVID-19 vaccine is currently available in Haiti at more than 50 locations, in various cities throughout the country. The [requirements for traveling by air](#) to the United States have recently changed. Please continue to follow host country developments and guidelines for COVID-19 vaccination.

Additional health guidance:

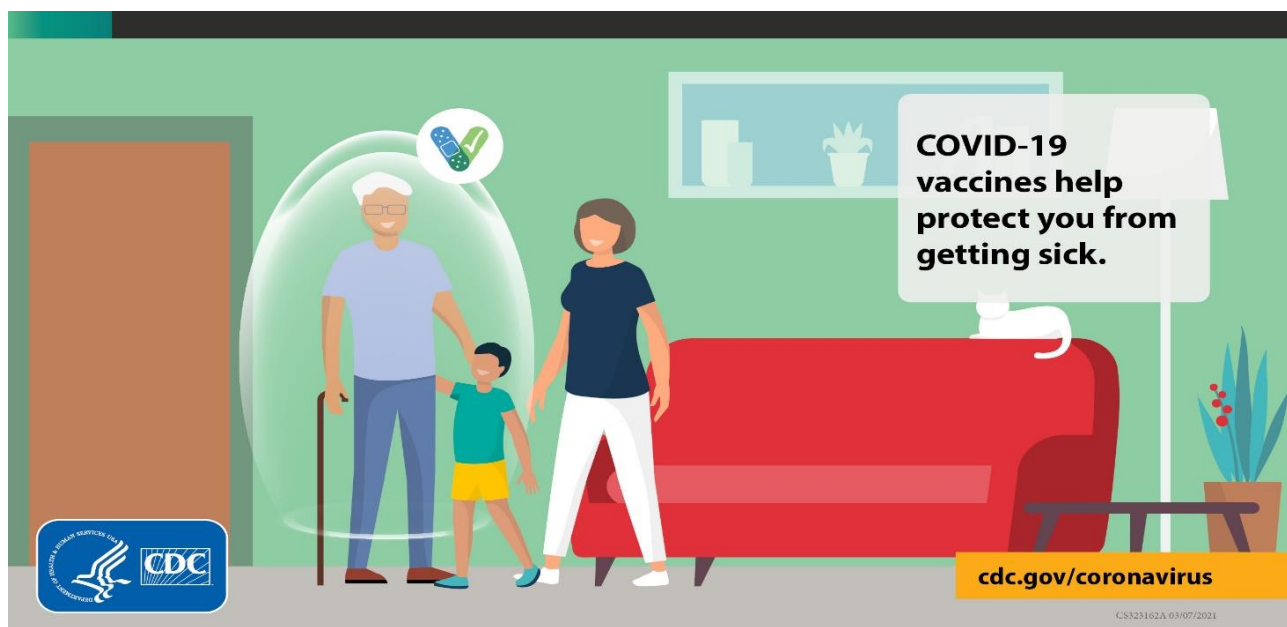
- 👉 Make sure you are current on all of your vaccines, including tetanus and rabies.
- 👉 Know where doctors and the closest emergency room are in your area. Please visit the [Embassy website](#) for a list of hospitals and medical professionals in Haiti.
- 👉 Always keep basic medications and supplies on hand. Invest in a quality first aid kit, and keep one in your car and at home.
- 👉 Always have medical insurance, including medevac insurance. If you need to be medically evacuated out of Haiti, you should contact a medevac company or an air ambulance service. Visit the U.S. Embassy website for a list of [Air Ambulance Services](#).

4 Haiti – Level 4: Very High Level of COVID-19

The CDC has issued a [Level 4 health advisory](#) for Haiti. Avoid travel to Haiti. If you must travel to Haiti, make sure you are fully vaccinated and boosted.



cdc.gov/coronavirus



Travel & Security

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Haiti – Level 4: Do Not Travel

The U.S. Department of State has renewed the highest level “[Level 4: Do Not Travel](#)” travel advisory for Haiti due to kidnapping, crime, and civil unrest, and COVID-19.

If you are in Haiti...

- Remember that demonstrations, tire burning, and roadblocks are frequent, unpredictable, and can turn violent at any time. Emergency response, including ambulance service, is limited or non-existent.
- Always carry your cell phone and ensure it is charged before you travel. Ensure you have important numbers programmed into your phone. Consider using code names for family or friends.
- Avoid demonstrations and crowds. If you encounter a roadblock, turn around and get to a safe area.
- Arrange airport transfers and hotels in advance, or have your host meet you upon arrival.
- Travel by vehicle to minimize walking in public, and travel in groups of at least two people, whenever possible.
- Always keep vehicle doors and windows locked, with valuables out of sight.
- Exercise caution and alertness, especially when driving through markets and other traffic-congested areas.
- Do not physically resist any robbery attempt/kidnapping.
- Do not travel in areas unfamiliar to you and be aware that navigation apps are highly unreliable in Haiti.
- Always make sure your vehicle is in good driving condition.
- Travel at times when traffic is expected to be lighter and avoid travel after dark in Port au Prince.
- Ensure adequate spacing between vehicles to provide options for evading a potentially dangerous situation.
- Patronize shops or restaurants that provide secure, enclosed, and well-lit parking.
- Always inform someone, such as a family member or friend, of where you are going and what time you expect to return. Minimize broadly publishing your travel plans on social media.
- **Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)** to receive important information from the Embassy about safety conditions in Haiti, and help the Embassy contact you in the case of emergency. To enroll, visit: step.state.gov, or click the image below.



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- ✓ U.S. Embassy Port au Prince's website: ht.usembassy.gov
- ✓ American Citizen Services (ACS) website: ht.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services
- ✓ U.S. Embassy Port au Prince on Facebook: facebook.com/USEmbassyHaiti
- ✓ ACS on Facebook: facebook.com/ACSPortauPrince
- ✓ Haiti Travel Advisory: travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/haiti-travel-advisory.html

To respond to your inquiry most effectively, we strongly encourage you to write to our topic-specific e-mail addresses as follows:

- ✓ American Citizen Services: acspap@state.gov
- ✓ Visas: support-haiti@ustraveldocs.com

In case of a life or death emergency regarding U.S. citizens in Haiti, please call: +509-2229-8000



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