TRAVEL ADVISORIES

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of State have been updating their travel advisories in response to the global coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak. Current top-level advisories related to COVID-19 are summarized below. Note the State Department’s most critical advisory level is 4, while the CDC’s most critical advisory level is 3.

For additional information and updates about advisories related to COVID-19 and for advisories on other issues, please visit the CDC and State Department travel pages.

U.S. Department of State Advisories

- China, Level 4, Do Not Travel: Do not travel to China due to a COVID-19 outbreak.
- Iran, Level 4, Do Not Travel: The do-not-travel advisory is due to the risk of kidnapping and the arbitrary arrest and detention of U.S. citizens. The agency also recommends that Americans in Iran exercise increased caution due to a COVID-19 outbreak.
- South Korea, Level 3, Reconsider Travel: Reconsider travel to South Korea due to an outbreak of COVID-19. The agency has issued a Level 4, Do Not Travel, advisory for the city of Daegu due to the level of COVID-19 community transmission and imposition of local quarantine procedures.
- Italy, Level 3, Reconsider Travel: Due to an outbreak of COVID-19. The agency has issued a Level 4, Do Not Travel, advisory for the cities of Lombardy and Veneto due to the level of COVID-19 community transmission and imposition of local quarantine procedures.
- Mongolia, Level 3, Reconsider Travel: Due to travel and transport restrictions related to the country’s response to the COVID-19 outbreak in neighboring China.
- Azerbaijan, Level 3, Reconsider Travel: Due to an outbreak of COVID-19 and responsive measures implemented.
- Turkmenistan, Level 3, Reconsider Travel: Due to travel restrictions and quarantine procedures instituted in response to COVID-19.
- Japan, Level 2, Exercise Increased Caution: Due to an outbreak of COVID-19.
- Hong Kong, Level 2, Exercise Increased Caution: Due to COVID-19.
- Macau, Level 2, Exercise Increased Caution: Due to COVID-19.

CDC Advisories

For additional information, please visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.
- China, Level 3, Avoid All Nonessential Travel: Due to widespread community transmission of COVID-19 and restrictions on entry to the United States.

- Iran, Level 3, Avoid All Nonessential Travel: Due to widespread community transmission of COVID-19 and restrictions on entry to the United States.

- South Korea, Level 3, Avoid All Nonessential Travel: Due to widespread community transmission of COVID-19.

- Italy, Level 3, Avoid All Nonessential Travel: Due to widespread community transmission of COVID-19.

- Japan, Level 2, Practice Enhanced Precautions: Due to sustained community spread of COVID-19. Older adults and those with chronic medical conditions should consider postponing nonessential travel.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- The CDC recommends that travelers returning from China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea:
  - Stay home and monitor their health during travel and for 14 days after returning to the United States.
  - Seek medical advice if they feel sick with fever or cough or difficulty breathing. Call ahead before you go to a doctor’s office or emergency room.

- The CDC also has [recommendations for foreign exchange and study abroad programs](https://www.cdc.gov).

- Also see: CDC’s [FAQs for travelers](https://www.cdc.gov).

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