

Change Request for

**REQUIREMENT FOR NEGATIVE PRE-DEPARTURE COVID-19 TEST RESULT OR
DOCUMENTATION OF RECOVERY FROM COVID-19 FOR ALL AIRLINE OR OTHER
AIRCRAFT PASSENGERS ARRIVING INTO THE UNITED STATES FROM ANY FOREIGN
COUNTRY**

AND

**REQUIREMENT FOR PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR NONCITIZEN,
NONIMMIGRANT AIR PASSENGERS ARRIVING INTO THE UNITED STATES FROM A
FOREIGN COUNTRY**

(OMB Control No. 0920-1318)

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Circumstances of Change Request for OMB 0920-1318

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of Global Migration and Quarantine (DGMQ) requests a nonmaterial/non-substantive of the currently approved Information Collection Request: Requirement for Negative Pre-Departure Covid-19 Test Result Or Documentation Of Recovery From Covid-19 For All Airline Or Other Aircraft Passengers Arriving Into The United States From Any Foreign Country And Requirement For Proof Of Covid-19 Vaccination For Noncitizen, Nonimmigrant Air Passengers Arriving Into The United States From A Foreign Country (OMB Control 0920-1318).

On December 2, 2021, CDC revised the COVID-19 testing Order to shorten the timeline for required testing for all international air passengers to one day before departure to the United States. This revision strengthens already robust protocols in place for international travel, including requirements for foreign travelers to be fully vaccinated in response to the new COVID-19 variant, Omicron.

Effective December 6, 2021, all air passengers 2 years or older, regardless of citizenship or vaccination status, will be to be required to show a negative pre-departure COVID-19 test taken **no more than one day** before they board their flight to the United States. Previously, air passengers who were fully vaccinated had could get a test no more than three days before their flight departed. Air passengers who recovered from COVID-19 in the past 90 days may instead travel with documentation of recovery from COVID-19 including their positive viral test result and a letter from a licensed healthcare provider or a public health official stating they were cleared to travel. This update requires changes to the [Combined Passenger Disclosure and Attestation to the United States of America](#).

Additionally, to help reduce the amount of personally identifiable information collected, CDC is revising the collection of information needed to issue a humanitarian exemption to the testing requirement or a humanitarian or emergency exception to the proof of vaccination requirement.

Therefore, CDC is requesting two non-substantive changes to two information collections in this package that include:

1. **Update the Combined Passenger Disclosure and Attestation to the United States of America to align with amended Order and to streamline and facilitate completion by air passengers (Attachment A)**
 - a. To align the attestation with the amended testing Order, CDC has removed the option to attest to having a test taken no more than three days before a flight departs to the United States.
 - b. CDC has also clarified that air passengers under 2 years of age do not have to fill out Section 2, or any part of the attestation. Since children under 2 years of age are often not ticketed passengers and are carried onto planes as “infants-in-arms,” it is not operationally feasible for airlines and aircraft operators to ensure the collection of an attestation for them.

- c. CDC has also reformatted the attestation to make it easier for air passengers with exceptions to the proof of vaccination requirement to fill out Section 2 and understand which after-travel activities they must attest to doing after arriving in the United States.

As before, CDC will provide some translations of the attestation on its website. CDC does not view these changes as substantial since they are removing one option, and making format updates to streamline and facilitate completion of the attestation.

2. Update the list of information collected by air passengers seeking an exemption or exception (Attachment B)

CDC has made the following changes to the information collection to apply for an exemption or exception:

- o Removed the requirement to submit a Passport # when applying for an exemption or exception
- o Added Age. Since there is no longer a Passport # that would show date of birth, CDC has included age in the information collection as a second identifier, for examples such as when two people in the household have the same name or to help with post travel compliance check and documentation verification.
- o CDC has also reframed the nationality question by asking travelers seeking an exemption or exception to indicate if they are a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or Lawful Permanent Resident. If not, they should indicate their nationality and what visa type or if they have an Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA). Knowing a person's visa type will help CDC determine if there is an applicable exception under one of the Orders, and to quickly identify and address humanitarian scenarios such as trafficked person who have specific visa types, etc. CDC would not be requesting any numbers associated with the Visa Type or ESTA.

CDC does not view this as a substantial change since we are removing Passport# and adding age. Nationality is already collected and visa type is often provided when describing why they have an urgent need to come.

Increase in Annualized Total Burden Hours:

The previous burden calculated for this data collection consisted of 352,538,030 hours (rounded to nearest hour). CDC does not anticipate these updates will change the estimated annual burden.

Attachments

Attachment A - Combined Passenger Attestation for Amended Testing Order-12.2.2021-Clean

Attachment B - Information Needed to Apply for Humanitarian Exemption or Exception
Estimated Annualized Burden Hours

Type of Respondent	Form Name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Air Passenger	Section 1 of Combined Passenger Disclosure and Attestation to the United States of America	123,000,000	1	2	246,000,000
Noncitizen Nonimmigrant Air Passenger	Section 2 of Combined Passenger Disclosure and Attestation to the United States of America	90,000,000	1	1	90,000,000
Airline Desk Agent	Combined Passenger Disclosure and Attestation to the United States of America	123,000,000	1	8/60	16,400,000
Air Passenger	Request Humanitarian Exemption to COVID-19 Test or Documentation of Recovery – (No form)	600	1	2	1,000
Noncitizen Nonimmigrant Air Passenger	Request Humanitarian or Emergency Exception to Proof of Vaccination Requirement – (No form)	600	1	2	1,000
Air Passenger <i>(undergoing compliance check)</i>	Questions Asked to Air Passengers Going Through Compliance Checks (No form)	1,230,000	1	5/60	102,500
Air Passenger <i>(undergoing compliance check with non-compliant documentation)</i>	Air Travel Illness or Death Investigation or Traveler Follow-up Form	7,380	1	10/60	1,230

Noncitizen Nonimmigrant Air Passenger <i>(undergoing compliance check and using humanitarian or emergency exception)</i>	Air Travel Illness or Death Investigation or Traveler Follow-up Form	190,000	1	10/60	31,667
Air Traveler <i>(for illness or death investigation)</i>	Air Travel Illness or Death Investigation or Traveler Follow-up Form	1,700	1	15/60	425
Returned Inadmissible Passenger	Contact information collection for public health follow up – (No form)	835	1	5/60	70
Airline Representative	Contact information collection for public health follow up – (No form)	835	1	10/60	139
Total					352,538,030