



U.S. to End COVID-Related Travel Bans

At the end of September, the Biden administration **announced** its plans to end the travel ban on travelers from the Schengen Area, China, Iran, U.K, Ireland, Brazil, South Africa and India beginning in early November, though little is known about exactly when and how the ban will be removed.

In lieu of the travel bans, all international travelers will be required to prove they have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test from within three days of their flight to the U.S.

The many travelers and businesses impacted by the travel restrictions still have a lot of unanswered questions. The White House has yet to provide any information on:

- How children will be treated under the new regulations.
- Which COVID-19 vaccines will be recognized beyond the three already authorized in the United States [Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson].
- The specific types of testing that will be required and accepted.
- How the “upon arrival testing” of unvaccinated U.S. citizens and permanent residents will be conducted.
- Whether some form of the current national interest exception program will remain in effect for travelers who do not meet the proposed vaccination requirements.

Grossman Young & Hammond will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available.

Croatians May Soon Enter the U.S. Without a Visa



On September 28th, **Croatia became the 40th member of the U.S. Visa Waiver Program**, which allows Croatians to travel to the U.S. visa-free for up to 90 days (with only a travel authorization, for tourism and/or business purposes) beginning December 1, 2021.

Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Alejandro Mayorkas, remarked, “[The] designation of Croatia as a new participant in the Visa Waiver Program is an important recognition of our countries’ shared economic and security interests. I congratulate Croatia for becoming the 40th member of the VWP after having met strict requirements, and I look forward to our continued close cooperation on key priorities.”

If you have any questions about the contents of this alert or would like to schedule a consultation, please email info@grossmanyouth.com.



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