



COVID-19 TESTING PRIOR TO INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL FACT SHEET

Information

- **TRAVELERS ARRIVING WITHOUT A VALID NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST, VACCINATION, WAIVER, OR PROOF OF RECOVERY FROM COVID-19, AS REQUIRED BY THEIR DESTINATION, WILL BE DENIED TRAVEL AT THE APOE.**
- Effective **15 July 2021**, APOES will **no longer** conduct COVID-19 Testing. If a traveler arrives at the APOE without a negative test, the traveler will be denied travel and will be subject to delays and/or additional expenses.
- All Marines, family members, and DoD Civilians executing **official** and **unofficial** international air travel, to or from the U.S., are **required**, per Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 17 and 20) to have a negative viral COVID-19 test (molecular or antigen) 72 hours before departure from the APOE.
 - **Exceptions:** There are some exceptions to this requirements. Travelers must research and comply with all destination requirements.
- Travelers must present documentation of the negative test, vaccination record, or clearance letter from a healthcare provider before boarding, and must maintain the documentation throughout the travel.
- If the destination location requires a specific test, test time, or result format, travelers must follow the more restrictive requirement prior to embarking for an international flight. In addition some foreign countries require a negative test within 72 hours of arrival rather than departure, in which case both pre – and post-travel testing may be required.
- Testing is the individual’s responsibility if conducting **unofficial** travel. For **official** travel, to include re-deployment from a foreign country, it is the Commanding Officer’s responsibility to ensure travelers comply with all requirements.
- Travelers who test positive for COVID-19 while executing OCONUS travel orders should immediately self-isolate and follow the guidance of the cognizant military or civilian medical provider. Travelers **will not** continue travel to the APOE. If one member of the family tests positive, that member must self-isolate while the other members self-quarantine. Additional actions that are required by the traveler:
 - Contact gaining command that you have tested positive and are unable to travel on the scheduled flight. If gaining command is unavailable, contact losing command to assist.
 - Contact APOE to inform that you will not be on scheduled flight to eliminate no-shows.
 - Transport yourself/family members to a Restriction of Movement (ROM) lodging facility. Locations for ROM will occur based on where positive test is received. Travelers **will not** continue travel to the APOE while in a ROM status.
 - Travelers are reminded to maintain all receipts for reimbursement of expenses.
 - **Contact the applicable DMO office to rebook flights on the AMC-PE once you are cleared for onward movement.**
 - **AMC-PE re-booking for SEATAC will be coordinated with Camp Pendleton DMO.**
 - **AMC-PE re-booking for BWI will be coordinated with Camp Lejeune DMO.**
- Travelers recovered from COVID-19 infection must receive clearance from a health care provider or public health official and maintain a copy of the clearance letter in their possession during travel.
- **SIP PASSPORTS:** DOD CIVILIANS, THEIR ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS AND ELIGIBLE MILITARY FAMILY MEMBERS ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL MUST HAVE EITHER A SPECIAL ISSUANCE PASSPORT (SIP) OR, AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE, A MEMORANDUM FROM A DOD PASSPORT AGENT STATING THE SIP APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM THE POINT OF ORIGIN. FOR A LIMITED TIME, BOARDING A FLIGHT WHILE ON OFFICIAL TRAVEL STATUS WITH A REGULAR (BLUE TOURIST) PASSPORT IS PERMISSIBLE ONLY WITH SUCH A MEMO, WHICH IS TO BE PRESENTED TO BOARDING OFFICIALS, UPON REQUEST.

NOTE: THIS TEMPORARY EXCEPTION, I.E., ALLOWING OFFICIAL TRAVEL ON A REGULAR PASSPORT WITH MEMORANDUM (IN LIEU OF A SIP), WILL EXPIRE ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2021. EFFECTIVE 01 OCTOBER 2021, OFFICIAL TRAVEL MUST BE CONDUCTED WITH A SIP.
- EFFECTIVE 23 JULY 2021: PASSENGERS MAY TRAVEL WITH NO MORE THAN TWO (2) PROPERLY TRAINED SERVICE ANIMALS (DOGS ONLY) THAT FIT IN THE SERVICE ANIMALS HANDERS LAP or WITHIN THE SERVICE ANIMAL HANDLERS FOOT SPACE. EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS (ESA) ARE NOW CONSIDERED PETS PER DODI 4515.13.

REFER TO THE AMC-PE AUGUST 2021 PET BROCHURE FOR MORE INFORMATION AT
<https://www.mcchord.af.mil/About-Us/AMC-Seattle-Gateway/>

Where to get tested

- In accordance with Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 17 and 20), pre travel testing for **official** international travel is authorized at MTFs for Marines, their dependents, DoD Civilians, and members of the Selected Reserve not otherwise eligible to receive care if tests are scheduled prior to arrival at the MTF and official international travel orders are in hand.
- Commercial testing sites are authorized and covered by TRICARE if the test is ordered by a TRICARE authorized Provider. Commercial testing not covered by TRICARE is reimbursable for official travel, however any associated office visit fees are not covered.
- Travelers are **authorized** to use their GTCC and are reminded to maintain all receipts and submit a claim for reimbursement with your travel claim
- If you do **NOT** have a GTCC, travelers will contact usmcpassengertravel@usmc.mil or ann.barkley.ctr@usmc.mil to coordinate payment for ROM lodging expenses.

Preferred MTF Testing Locations

Walter Reed (Baltimore)	301-295-0269
Madigan Army Medical Center (Seattle)	253-958-4443/253-967-3831
Naval Medical Center San Diego, CA	619-532-6400
Camp Pendleton, CA	760-685-3537
Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms, CA	760-830-2190
Bremerton, WA	360-340-5335
Portsmouth, VA	757-953-6200
Camp Lejeune, NC	910-450-2956
Fort Belvoir, VA	COVID Clinic: 571-231-0532, CDO 571-585-6066
Walter Reed, Central Screening	571-335-9985. CDO 301-547-1161
Naval Hospital Jacksonville, FL	994-250-6188
Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan	098-971-9691
Naval Hospital Yokosuka, Japan	046-816-1693
Tripler Army Medical Center, HI	808-433-6661
Naval Hospital Rota, Spain	34-956-82-3305/3560
Naval Hospital Sigonella, Italy	39-095-56-4848/4635
Navy Hospital Naples, Italy	39-081-811-6000 (DSN 629-6000)
Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany	49-6371-9464-5762

Points of Contact/Useful Links

Losing Command POC/Number (Admin/PAC)	
Gaining Command POC/Number (Sponsor)	
MCB Camp Lejeune DMO (BWI Travelers)	910-451-2255/2714/1971, 910-376-1297 (after hours)
MCB Camp Pendleton DMO (SEATAC Travelers)	760-725-8637/8631
HQMC (I&L) (LPD)	usmcpassengertravel@usmc.mil
AMC Website	https://www.amc.af.mil/Home/AMC-Travel-Site/
AMC Baltimore Terminal	410-918-6900, 410-918-6932 (Fax), bwipax@us.af.mil
AMC Seattle Terminal	253-982-3504, 253-982-3243 (Fax), seattle.gateway@us.af.mil
GTCC Information	https://defensetravel.dod.mil/site/cardholder.cfm
HQMC COVID-19 Website	https://marines.mil/Coronavirus/
Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society	1-800-654-8364, https://nmcrs.org/
Foreign Clearance Guide	https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/fcg.cgm
Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)	https://step.state.gov
CDC International Travel Guidance	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/testing-international-air-travelers.html
Frequently Asked Questions	https://www.manpower.usmc.mil/webcenter/portal/MRAHome

COVID Hotels at SEATAC

Double Tree by Hilton (1.5 miles)	206-246-8600 (187430 International Blvd, Seattle, WA)
Fairfield Inn & Suites Tacoma – Dupont (40 miles)	360-334-3314 (1515 Wilmington Dr, DuPont, WA)