



Travel Safety During COVID-19

[Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/Coronavirus)

Travel increases your chance of spreading and getting COVID-19. We recommend that you do not travel at this time. Delay travel and stay home to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. Do NOT travel if you were exposed to COVID-19, you are sick or you test positive for COVID-19. If you must travel, take these steps to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

Recommended actions for Michigan residents traveling out of state

It is safest to avoid out of state travel at this time, but if travel is unavoidable, please take the following steps to protect yourself and others:

- If you are eligible, get fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Wait 2 weeks after getting your second vaccine dose to travel—it takes time for your body to build protection after any vaccination.
- Get tested with a viral test 1-3 days before you travel. Keep a copy of your test results with you during travel in case you are asked for them. Do NOT travel if you test positive.
- [Check travel restrictions before you go; especially information about spread of any of the new variants of COVID 19 in the locations you plan to visit:](#)
 - Some variants seem to spread more easily and quickly than other variants, which may lead to more cases of COVID-19.
 - a) The B.1.1.7 variant spreads more easily than the other known variants. This variant originated in the United Kingdom and has been found in all 50 U.S. states.
 - b) The B.1.351 variant originated in South Africa. This variant has not spread as far as B.1.1.7. but has been identified in the U.S.
 - c) The P.1 variant originated in Brazil. Not much is known yet on this variant. This variant has been identified in the U.S.
- [Wear a mask over your nose and mouth when in public settings.](#) Masks are required on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.
- Avoid crowds and stay at least 6 feet/2 meters (about 2 arm lengths) from anyone who did not travel with you. It's important to do this everywhere — both indoors and outdoors.
- Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol).
- Bring extra supplies, such as masks and hand sanitizer.
- Avoid contact with anyone who is sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Travel and COVID-19 Testing

Before Travel

- [Get tested](#) with a PCR viral test one to three days before you travel. Keep a copy of your test results with you during travel in case you are asked for them.
 - Don't travel if you test positive; immediately isolate yourself and follow public health recommendations.
 - A negative test does not mean that you were not exposed or that you will not develop COVID-19. Make sure to wear a mask, avoid crowds, stay at least six feet from others, wash your hands, and watch your health for signs of illness while travelling.

After Travel

Get tested again with a viral test 3-5 days after your trip and stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel, even if your test is negative. If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.

Precautions for educational settings (K-12 schools, colleges or universities):

Students traveling across Michigan, to other states, or to a vacation destination in another country over school breaks risk bringing COVID-19 home with them. This in turn may fuel outbreaks within their households and the communities they visit, and reintroducing COVID-19 to their home communities when they return.

- Students should consider staying at home after traveling to ensure a safe return to in-person learning. The following options allow for safe return to school after travel:
 - a) Students should get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after the trip and stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel, even if the test is negative.

If the student does not get tested after returning from travel, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after afterwards.

For the latest information on Michigan's response to COVID-19, please visit

[Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/Coronavirus). You may also call the COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136 or email COVID-19@michigan.gov.

For additional guidance on safe travel see the following: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>