Negative Pre-Departure COVID-19 Test Result for Aircraft Passengers Arriving in the United States from the People's Republic of China, and the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau

On December 28, 2022, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced it will implement a requirement for a negative COVID-19 test or documentation of recovery for air passengers boarding flights to the U.S. originating from the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau.

Effective 0001 ET, January 5, 2023, all air passengers two years and older originating from the PRC, Hong Kong or Macau will be required to get a test (such as a PCR test or an antigen self-test administered and monitored by a telehealth service or a licensed provider and authorized by the Food and Drug Administration or the relevant national authority) no more than two (2) days before their departure from the PRC, Hong Kong, or Macau, and show a negative test result to the airline upon departure.

1. The requirement applies to these air passengers regardless of nationality and vaccination status.

2. This will also apply to persons traveling from the PRC, Hong Kong, or Macau via third country transit and to passengers connecting through the United States onward to further destinations.

3. Passengers transiting Incheon International Airport (South Korea), Toronto Pearson International Airport (Canada), and Vancouver International Airport (Canada) on their way to the United States will be required to provide a negative COVID-19 test if they have been in the PRC, Hong Kong or Macau in the last 10 days no more than two (2) days before their departure to the United States.

4. Passengers who tested positive more than 10 days before the flight can provide documentation of recovery from COVID-19 in lieu of a negative test result.

5. Airlines must confirm the negative COVID-19 test result or documentation of recovery for all passengers, two years and older, before they board or deny boarding to the passenger.

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