Travel

As of June 1, essential and non-essential travel for Cornell-related business and research travel is again permitted, provided that all faculty and staff follow the necessary public health guidance (including the process for petitioning and receiving approval for international travel prior to departure) and ensure that all financial expenditures have been approved prior to travel.

We encourage all employees to continue to be mindful of the risks of COVID-19 infection, although reduced, in certain locations or venues, and advise employees to take appropriate cautions in accordance with all public health guidelines. The CDC and New York state (NYS) recommend delaying international travel until the traveler is fully vaccinated.

Requirements for domestic and international travelers

- New York state requires domestic and international travelers to complete the NYS Traveler Health Form. All travelers should self-isolate and contact the local health department or their healthcare provider, if any symptoms develop. For additional information on New York state requirements and recommendations, visit the NYS COVID-19 Travel Advisory website.
- Cornell also requires that unvaccinated faculty and staff seek a supplemental test upon their return to campus. For asymptomatic individuals, Cornell COVID-19 Surveillance Testing facilities are available for these tests. Appointments are required.

International Travel

Faculty and staff who wish to travel internationally for essential or non-essential Cornell-related business and research, should review the International Travel Guidelines, Policy, and Recommendations webpage. Currently, all international travel requires approval from the International Travel Advisory and Response Team (ITART). These petitions should be filed 4-6 weeks before departure and 2-3 weeks should be allowed for review. For questions or support regarding international travel, contact International Travel Health and Safety.

International travelers must comply with CDC requirements, which currently include proof of negative test or recent COVID-19 recovery in order to board airplanes headed to the U.S.

Additionally, many destinations will require proof of negative test to enter the country and some may start requiring proof of vaccination or lengthy quarantines. Travelers should be aware of all entrance and exit requirements and restrictions. International SOS, country reports available via the online portal are a good place to start researching your destination.

Pausing Daily Check Notifications / Time Away and Return to Work

Cornell asks that all employees who will be out of work for more than three days complete the Submit or Change Time Away form. Completing this form will pause Daily Check notifications and surveillance testing requirements, if applicable, while away from campus.

Employees who are not fully vaccinated and choose to follow the recommendation to quarantine are expected to work remotely, use their leave accruals or be placed on an unpaid leave if accruals aren’t available.