

# Washington, DC Situational Update – Feb. 14, 2022

Destination DC, the official destination marketing organization for Washington, DC, is working in coordination with local officials, industry partners including the government of the District of Columbia, the U.S. Travel Association, Events DC, the Hotel Association of Washington, DC and Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington, in line with guidance from the CDC, to communicate current information and health guidance.

## **Indoor Mask Requirement**

- From Feb. 14-28, an <u>indoor mask mandate</u> is in effect that says all people, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask indoors in public settings.
- On March 1, 2022, the requirement will be lifted. Masks will remain required on public transit and at schools, childcare facilities, libraries, congregate settings and healthcare facilities. Private businesses may implement their own guidelines.

# Additional city guidance

- There is a <u>public emergency</u> in effect through March 17, 2022 that allows Mayor Bowser the flexibility to respond to the pandemic.
- DC Health has released <u>updated guidance</u> for those who test positive for Covid-19, which includes requiring a negative test prior to ending isolation.

# DC Travel & Testing Requirements - Updated December 2021

Fully Vaccinated Visitors (or visitors who tested positive for COVID-19 in the previous 90 days) may:

- Travel to DC from **domestic locations** without testing or quarantining unless showing symptoms of COVID-19.
- If traveling from an international location, visitors and residents must show a negative test before boarding a flight to the U.S.

# **Unvaccinated or Partially Vaccinated Visitors**

- General travel requirements include:
  - Get a COVID-19 test 1-3 days before visiting DC
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Get a COVID-19 test 3-5 days after returning home from their trip
  - Self-quarantine for 7 days after returning home (regardless of results).
- You don't need a COVID-19 test if traveling from Maryland and Virginia or in DC less than 24 hours.
- Private institutions and local government officials may ask for proof of a negative test.

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- What to Do this Winter
- Travel Status Update and What's Open and Reopening in Washington, DC
- <u>Things to Do this Weekend</u> and <u>Things to Do this Month</u>
- Stay Local DC: A Guide to Planning a Staycation with What's Open, Deals & More

# International Travel & National Resources:

- Jan. 20, 2022: non-residents entering the U.S. at the <u>borders of Canada and Mexico</u> must show proof of vaccination.
- Dec. 2: All international visitors and U.S. residents returning home must provide a negative COVID-19 test one day before flying to the U.S., regardless of vaccination status or country of residence. Foreign nationals must be fully vaccinated to travel to the U.S. View U.S. Travel FAQs here.





- President Biden signed an <u>executive order</u> requiring masks while traveling on all forms of public transportation, including planes, trains, buses and at airports. The mask mandate is extended through March 18, 2022.
- CDC Guidance for Vaccinated Individuals
- <u>CDC travel guidance</u> and <u>recommendations by destination</u>
- <u>CDC data</u>
- U.S. Department of State guidance and U.S. state health agencies links

# Local/Industry Resources

- <u>Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority</u> COVID-19 information
- <u>Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington</u> COVID-19 resources
- <u>National Park Service</u>
- Metro information: <u>wmata.com</u>. Find additional local transportation information at <u>goDCgo</u>.
- U.S. Travel Association's comprehensive information for the travel industry
- PCMA <u>FAQs</u>

