New Travel Restrictions for Travelers from China

On January 31, 2020, the U.S. government announced new travel restrictions for foreign nationals who have been in China in the past 14 days due to COVID-19 related risks. These restrictions took effect at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on February 2, 2020. All foreign nationals who have been in the People’s Republic of China, excluding the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau, within 14 days preceding their planned arrival will be denied entry after these restrictions take effect. It is not yet clear how long these restrictions will remain in place.

These restrictions include foreign nationals on non-immigrant visas, including F and J students, scholars, and dependents. If you plan to arrive in the United States after these restrictions take effect, please consult your airline about what options may be available to you. If your scheduled arrival will be delayed, please contact the International Center at icenter@umich.edu. We will work with you and your host department on any necessary updates to your immigration documents.

If you are an active F-1 or J-1 international student or scholar who is currently in China, please complete this Travel Registry form.

U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents are not subject to the travel restrictions. There are also a few other exceptions, which are explained in Section 2 of the Presidential Proclamation.

The University of Michigan is actively monitoring current travel restrictions, and the International Center will post additional information as it becomes available.

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