Travel Restrictions for Travelers from Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, and Zimbabwe ended on December 31, 2021

By presidential proclamation [1], President Biden has lifted the COVID public health travel ban on foreign nationals with recent presence in Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, or Zimbabwe. The November 29, 2021 travel ban [2] is no longer in effect.

U.S. COVID vaccination and testing requirements applicable to all international air travelers remain in effect. The CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) Travel Assessment [3] explains current requirements for boarding a flight to the U.S. The CDC has also posted a Test and Vaccination Documentation Requirements FAQ [4] with detailed information about acceptable tests.

According to the State Department [5], foreign nationals whose visa applications were refused due to the travel ban should contact the embassy or consulate where they made their application to request reconsideration.

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