

**Homeland
Security**

COVID-19 Airport Screening Procedures

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), its component agencies and federal government partners are working with health professionals from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to detect the virus and slow its spread in the United States. Since cases of the virus began to emerge locally, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Transportation Security Administration (TSA), and the DHS Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office (CWMD) have been facilitating CDC's enhanced entry screening of travelers entering the U.S. of all admissible persons (e.g. U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, and others falling within narrow exceptions to the Proclamation) who have been in mainland China, Iran, or the Schengen area in the last 14 days at one of 13 designated air ports of entry where the Federal Government has focused public health resources. The 13 airports include: JFK, SFO, LAX, ATL, ORD, DFW, DTW, EWR, HNL, IAD, SEA, BOS, and MIA.

Primary: CBP Entry Processing

- CBP Officers will continue to identify **all travelers** who have recently been in China, Iran, or the Schengen area within the previous 14 days of encounter by:
 - Questioning travelers to determine travel history,
 - Using Advanced Targeting System rules (One-day automated ATS lookout), or
 - Identified by self-declaration.
- CBP will refer these identified travelers to secondary and will relay any information received from the traveler during the primary inspection.

Secondary: Enhanced Entry Screening

- CWMD contract personnel are taking the following enhanced entry screening actions in support of CDC:
 - Visually observe the traveler for signs of illness.
 - Screeners will complete the Traveler Health Declaration Form, which includes:
 - U.S. contact information
 - Potential exposure determination
 - Asking travelers about their health status (such as fever, cough, or difficulty breathing)
 - Randomly taking and recording traveler temperatures with a focus on whether the passenger's temperature is elevated (100.4°F or above).
 - Provide the Check And Record Everyday (CARE) booklet and Health Information Card. The screener will review the booklet and card with the traveler.

- Symptomatic passengers or anyone answering yes to either the exposure determination question or the health status question will be referred to CDC for further medical evaluation.

(OR)

- Asymptomatic passengers will be allowed to reach their final destination. After arrival at final destination, traveler will remain home and monitor health for 14 days from departure from area of concern. Given a health card and CARE booklet stating what symptoms to look for and what to do if symptoms develop. Card advises traveler to stay home, limit social interactions, and stay in contact with state or local health department, and visit CDC website on card for more information.

From:	AS2KTC (b)(6)
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To:	AS1CFW (b)(6)
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CC:	(b)(6)
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	Basicot, Gary (b)(6)
Subject:	(b)(6)
	Fwd: UPDATE UK & Ireland Added: Department of Homeland Security Outlines New Process for Americans Returning from Schengen Area Countries, The United Kingdom, Ireland, China, and Iran: TEST
Date:	2020/03/14 16:06:28
Priority:	Normal
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On Mar 14, 2020, at 3:53 PM, AS2KTC (b)(6) wrote:

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I will forward to AS1

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2020 3:49:46 PM
To: AS2KTC (b)(6)
Cc: MORGAN, MARK A (b)(6)
Subject: Re: UPDATE UK & Ireland Added: Department of Homeland Security
Outlines New Process for Americans Returning from Schengen Area Countries, The
United Kingdom, Ireland, China, and Iran: TEST

In order to implement the new UK and Ireland 212 F effectively and without disruption to the airport operations domestically a start date and time of March 17th at 11:59 would preferred.

Reasons for the request:

(b)(6) hits must be manually vetted to ensure compliance with the proclamation (i.e. we are allowing the exceptions to the proclamations to board)

We anticipate 150% increase in hits than we did with the China rules.

We are currently experiencing a 3 fold increase for the Schengen Zone rule hits over China

ESTAs must be canceled manually for travelers that have confirm reservations. (b)(6)

We planned for an anticipated a surge in volume for the first 72-96 hours from the Schengen Zone

Today alone we are expecting over 11K passengers between Newark and JFK all that are required to be referred for medical assessment. We have concern for over taxing secondary areas with these volumes. There will certainly be missed connections and increased passenger wait times.

Given an additional 24 hours would allow for the initial surge from the Schengen zone travels to wain before the UK and Ireland surge.

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Operations Support
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

On Mar 14, 2020, at 3:29 PM, AS2KTC

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On call. You want to weigh in please?

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Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2020 3:23:24 PM
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(b)(6) Mizelle, Chad
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Ok.

Thanks,

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Let's hold.

Have a text from Ken indicating timeframe might be an issue.

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FYI this will go out at 4pm. It was cleared by OGC.

The highlight is the only new item.

Thanks,

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From: U.S. Department of Homeland Security
<departmentofhomelandsecurity@messages.dhs.gov>

Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2020 3:04 PM

To: (b)(6)

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Office of Public Affairs

UPDATE: Effective Monday March 16th at 11:59PM flights from the United Kingdom and Ireland will also be added to the previously announced arrival restrictions that are in effect for the Schengen Area, China, and Iran. DHS will soon publish a Notice of Arrival Restrictions in the Federal Register outlining specifics.

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FACT SHEET

DHS Notice of Arrival Restrictions on Individuals Returning from China, Iran and Schengen Countries of Europe

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Background

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In order to ensure compliance, local and State public health officials will contact individuals in the days and weeks following their arrival.

	AS2KTC (b)(6)
From:	(b)(6)
To:	(b)(6)
Subject:	Edits in green
Date:	2020/03/13 07:49:07
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

The edits are not highlighted in the email below, but they are included. In the attached doc, they are highlighted in green.

Thx,
Ken

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Sender:	AS2KTC (b)(6)
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Sent Date:	2020/03/13 07:48:39
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	MORGAN, MARK A (b)(6)
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Subject:	Re: Closing Airport Screenings to Reallocate Screening Resoucrs
Date:	2020/03/12 18:14:50
Priority:	Normal
Type:	Note

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 5:16:04 PM
To: AS1CFW (b)(6); Rasicot, Gary (b)(6)
Cc: AS2KTC (b)(6); (b)(6)
 Havranek, John (b)(6); (b)(6)
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Subject: RE: Closing Airport Screenings to Reallocate Screening Resoucrs

Sir,

There are 0 inbound flights from CN to either SEA or HNL since 2/26/2020. From the Schengen Zone, the direct total for those two airports is 1 Jan – 11 Mar is 103,098, which on average is

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From: AS1CFW (b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 11:56 AM

To: Rasicot, Gary (b)(6)

Cc: AS2KTC (b)(6)

(b)(6) Havranek, John

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Subject: RE: Closing Airport Screenings to Reallocate Screening Resoucrs

Gary,

On the morning call, I asked for TSA and CBP to provide data (passenger loads) on flights from China/Europe into Seattle and Honolulu. Awaiting that data.

Chad F. Wolf
Acting Secretary
Dept of Homeland Security

From: Rasicot, Gary

Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 11:19 AM

To: AS1CFW (b)(6)

Cc: AS2KTC (b)(6)

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Subject: Closing Airport Screenings to Reallocate Screening Resoucrs

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V/r Gary

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To:	Bars, Michael (b)(6) (b)(6) Rasicot, Gary (b)(6) (b)(6)
Subject:	Re: Department of Homeland Security Outlines New Process for Americans Returning from Certain European Countries, China, and Iran
Date:	2020/03/13 22:59:24
Priority:	Normal
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I'm doing it tomorrow at noon.

Expect a 1 p.m. with European press.

Good idea.

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From: Bars, Michael (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 5:57:33 PM
To: AS2KTC (b)(6); Rasicot, Gary (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Department of Homeland Security Outlines New Process for Americans Returning from Certain European Countries, China, and Iran

20-30 min tops. You and Gary as SMEs. Press team sets up the call.

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From: AS2KTC (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 5:38:01 PM
To: Bars, Michael (b)(6); Rasicot, Gary (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Department of Homeland Security Outlines New Process for Americans Returning from Certain European Countries, China, and Iran

Good idea

From: Bars, Michael (b)(6)
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 5:36:26 PM
To: Rasicot, Gary (b)(6); AS2KTC (b)(6)
Subject: Re: Department of Homeland Security Outlines New Process for Americans Returning from Certain European Countries, China, and Iran

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From: Bars, Michael (b)(5)
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 4:34:53 PM
To: Rasicot, Gary (b)(5); AS2KTC (b)(5)
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From: U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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