U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Carrier Liaison Program

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Ebola Attestation Requirement for Passengers Departing Foreign Countries for the United States

On October 22, 2026, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published an Order requiring air carriers and aircraft operators not to board passengers departing any foreign country for the United States, including those on commercial flights, general aviation, and private aircraft, unless they provide either a digital or paper attestation stating that they have not been in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) during the 21 days before boarding the flight to the United States.

This requirement applies to flights departing to the United States from a foreign country at or after **11:59 p.m. EST on November 3, 2026**.

The guidance previously issued in Carrier Liaison Program Bulletins related to designated arrival airports and additional screening and travel procedures for individuals who are permitted to travel to the United States remains unchanged.

Authorized designated arrival airports are:

- Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD), Dulles, Virginia
- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL), Atlanta
- John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK), New York

CDC will make the following resources available on its website when the Order is posted:

- The CDC Order and Attachment A with the required attestation language
- Airline Technical Instructions
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

These materials are intended to provide detailed guidance on the requirements, considerations for implementation, and recordkeeping expectations. Airlines and aircraft operators are encouraged to review these resources as soon as they become available and begin identifying any questions or operational considerations.

Airlines may use any format that meets the purpose of the Order, such as a fillable PDF or digital form. Attestation forms must be retained by airlines.

CBP will join CDC and other federal agency partners on industry engagement calls organized by the U.S. Transportation Security Administration to provide an overview of the Order, discuss implementation considerations, and answer questions:

Foreign Airline Industry Call: Friday, October 23, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. EDT
Domestic Airline Industry Call: Friday, October 23, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. EDT

A separate message will be forthcoming with call dial-in and access information.

CBP remains committed to working closely with aviation partners as the industry prepares for the November 3, 2026, effective date and for as long as the Order remains in effect.

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