

Subject: CDC's New Travel Planner

Dear Health Department Partner,

CDC has created a web portal called **Travel Planner**, that will serve as a centralized communication platform for COVID-19 travel restrictions and policies enacted by state, local, tribal and territorial governments. We need your help in filling the web portal. The goal is to have one centralized location—the Travel Planner—that travelers can search to find COVID-19 information for the communities they're passing through and for their destinations. This information will help travelers make informed decisions, protect themselves, and reduce transmission before, during, and after they travel.

As a health department, you will be able to use the Travel Planner to reach travelers and share your COVID-19 policies. Once you are registered with CDC's Secure Access Management Services (SAMS) and the Travel Planner portal, inputting your health department's information should take less than 15 minutes. We invite you to start that process by reviewing the information below.



How can I get started adding my jurisdiction's information?

Starting today, identify a few people who can be responsible for inputting your health department's COVID-19 information, such as a communication specialist, administrative assistant, intern, or other staff member. If these staff members don't already have a SAMS account, they should email travelplanner@cdc.gov to request enrollment in SAMS and access to the COVID-19 Travel Planner webform. If they already have a SAMS account, they will need to email travelplanner@cdc.gov to request access to the COVID-19 Travel Planner webform.

In the next week, we will

1. Send step-by-step instructions on how to input your jurisdiction's information into the Travel Planner web form.
2. Send information on how you can join a webinar for a step-by-step demonstration on inputting your jurisdiction's information.

What questions will we be asked to answer on the web form?

On your jurisdiction's Travel Planner admin page, you will find a webform you can use to provide answers to the following questions about your jurisdiction's COVID-19-related restrictions and policies:

1. Will travelers be required to self-quarantine or be quarantined under legal order? If so, for how long?
2. Do travelers need to submit contact information or any other information to the health department before they travel? If so, how do they do that?
3. Are there any testing requirements for travelers? If so, how do they provide their results?
4. Is there a mask mandate? If so, what is it?
5. Are there limits on gathering size? If so, what do travelers need to know?

6. Are any destinations or businesses closed to travelers? (e.g., beaches, restaurants, bars)
7. Who should travelers contact if they have any COVID-19 symptoms?

For each question, you will be able to add a link to an additional resource, such as your health department page. You will also have the option to add links to other relevant health departments' guidance pages. All responses are optional. Questions that are left blank will not appear on the website. You will be able to edit responses in the webform as needed for when your jurisdiction's restrictions and policies change.

When will the Travel Planner be live to the public?

The COVID-19 Travel Planner will be live to the public early November. CDC is giving health departments some time to input their information, so the tool is useful to travelers. However, the Travel Planner webform is available to health departments now and will be available even after the public live date to input your information.

May we promote the Travel Planner on our website or social media channels?

Of course! In fact, we will share graphics, social media posts, and a badge you can add to your website when the site is live!

We hope you will find the Travel Planner a helpful tool that reduces some of the inquiries you receive about travel restrictions and guidance in your jurisdiction. We will continue to keep you in the loop as we move forward, and we welcome any questions or feedback at travelplanner@cdc.gov.

Thank you,

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