



# U.S. Embassy & Consulates in Russia

## COVID-19 Information

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Please read the latest [Global Health Alert](#). The Department of State advises U.S. citizens to avoid all international travel due to the global impact of COVID-19. In countries where commercial departure options remain available, U.S. citizens who live in the United States should arrange for immediate return to the United States, unless they are prepared to remain abroad for an indefinite period. U.S. citizens who live abroad should avoid all international travel. Many countries are experiencing COVID-19 outbreaks and implementing travel restrictions and mandatory quarantines, closing borders, and prohibiting non-citizens from entry with little advance notice. Airlines have cancelled many international flights and several cruise operators have suspended operations or cancelled trips. If you choose to travel internationally, your travel plans may be severely disrupted, and you may be forced to remain outside of the United States for an indefinite timeframe.

### Travel to the U.S.

- For the most current information regarding COVID-19, the March 11 Presidential Proclamation, and its impact on travel to the United States, please visit [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov) and [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov).
- Entry bans do not apply to U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents and (generally) immediate family members of U.S. citizens.
- Beginning March 20, commercial flights between the United States and Russia will be limited to Moscow – New York, operated via Sheremetyevo International Airport. Travelers from the United States to Moscow are now subject to self-quarantine, please see the Quarantine Information below.
- U.S. citizens who have been in the Schengen zone in the last 14 days, please visit [www.CDC.gov](http://www.CDC.gov) and [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov) for more information. **Please be advised that self-quarantine regulations also apply to U.S. citizens who transit Schengen zone countries on their return to the United States.**

### Country-Specific Information:

- The Government of the Russian Federation has reported 253 cumulative cases of coronavirus. These include cases of community transmission.
- As of March 19, the Government of the Russian Federation reported conducting 143,529 tests, now approximating a pace of 10,000 tests daily.
- Mandatory temperature screenings and other diagnostic and protective measures are being implemented at international airports and other major transit hubs. For a detailed account of efforts underway by the Government of the Russian Federation to address coronavirus, please refer to the link in the Local Resources section.

### Entry and Exit Requirements:

- Effective March 18, the Government of the Russian Federation banned the entry of all foreign nationals until May 1. The ban does not apply to diplomats, airplane crew members, permanent residents of the Russian Federation, or transit passengers.
- Effective March 13, the Government of the Russian Federation banned entry of Italian citizens into Russia.
- Effective March 1, the Government of the Russian Federation restricted entry of South Koreans into Russia. South Koreans may only enter the Russian Federation via Sheremetyevo International Airport in Moscow.
- Effective February 28, the Government of the Russian Federation banned all entry of Iranian citizens into Russia.
- Effective February 20, the Government of the Russian Federation banned entry of Chinese nationals into Russia, except for transit purposes.
- There are no new requirements on entry to Russia or exit from Russia specifically for U.S. citizens.
- Please refer to the State Department's Country Specific Information on the Russian Federation for detailed information about entry/exit requirements.

**Travel Restrictions:**

- Effective March 20, Sheremetyevo International Airport in Moscow announced that its international terminals E and C will be closed for arrivals and departures from March 20 to April 30.

- Effective March 20, the Government of the Russian Federation will limit commercial flights to the United States, the United Kingdom and the United Arab Emirates. Regular flights between Moscow – New York, Moscow – London, and Moscow – Abu Dhabi will continue, operated via Sheremetyevo International Airport.
- Effective March 16, air travel between Russia and countries of the European Union, Norway, and Switzerland will be limited to flights between Moscow and capital cities.
- Effective March 13, the Government of the Russian Federation restricted flight routes between Russia and Italy, France, Germany, and Spain.
- Effective March 1, the Government of the Russian Federation restricted flight routes between Vladivostok and South Korea. South Korean citizens may only be transported out of Vladivostok to South Korea, and only Russian citizens and citizens of the Eurasian Economic Union member states can be transported from South Korea into Vladivostok.
- Effective February 28, the Government of the Russian Federation restricted some flight routes between Iran and Russia.

### **Quarantine Information:**

- Effective March 16, travelers from the United States to Moscow are subject to a fourteen-day self-quarantine. Visit the website of the City of Moscow government for additional information on these new measures.
- We strongly recommend that all U.S. citizen travelers subject to such quarantine and travelling to Moscow comply with all requested quarantine measures.
- As of March 16, travelers also arriving to Moscow from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, France, Germany, Spain, and the United Kingdom are required to self-quarantine for 14 days.
- Effective March 7, the city government of Moscow implemented enhanced screening and quarantine measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Travelers should be prepared for travel restrictions to be put into effect with little or no advance notice.
- Quarantines have taken place for Chinese nationals travelling to the Russian Federation prior to the travel ban who displayed signs of illness upon arrival.
- Quarantines have also been imposed for all confirmed cases of coronavirus in Russia.
- The Moscow Department of Health maintains a hotline for further information and updates +7 495 870-45-09.

### **Local Resources:**

- Please follow this link for news updates from the government of the Russian Federation on efforts to address coronavirus.

**Other links:**

- For more information about coronavirus and travel to the Russian Federation, please see the information provided at the links below.
- COVID-19 crisis page on [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov)
- CDC page on COVID-19
- [state.gov](https://state.gov) — Country Specific Information on the Russian Federation
- Russian Federation Travel Advisory

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