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***Updated Airports* Arrival Restrictions Applicable to Flights Carrying Persons Who Have Recently Traveled From or Were Otherwise Present Within the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Uganda, or South Sudan**

Consistent with U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) May 22, 2026 Public Health Order, “*Order Suspending The Right To Introduce Certain Persons From Countries Where A Quarantinable Communicable Disease Exists*, effective immediately, the **only travelers not subject to suspension of entry are U.S. citizens and U.S. nationals** if they have departed from, or were otherwise present in, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Uganda, or South Sudan during the 21 days prior to their travel to the United States.

On May 22, 2026, the CDC and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) made a key update to the May 21, 2026, Interim Final Rule 2026-0527. The principal update is the applicability of 42 U.S.C. § 265 authorities for Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs). Consistent with this Order, the introduction of LPRs who have departed from or were otherwise present in the DRC, Uganda, or South Sudan during the 21 days prior to their travel to the United States remains suspended.

This order is time-limited and shall be in effect for the order duration. Case-by-case **exceptions** may be made for certain alien crew and diplomats in coordination with the Regional Carrier Liaison Group (RCLG).

All flights carrying any U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, or pre-approved excepted aliens with nexus to these three countries in the 21 days prior to their travel to or encounter in the United States will be required to arrive at the airports designated below where travelers may subject to enhanced medical screening by CDC. The CDC will focus public health resources to implement enhanced public health measures at those locations.

Effective for flights departing after 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Wednesday, May 20, 2026:

- **Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD), Dulles, Virginia**

Effective for flights departing after 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Friday, May 22, 2026:

- **Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL), Atlanta**

Effective for flights departing after 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Tuesday, May 26, 2026:

- **George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH), Houston**

Effective for flights departing after 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Thursday, May 28, 2026:

- **John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK), New York**

The Secretary of Homeland Security implemented this arrival restriction pursuant to 6 U.S.C. 112(a), 19 U.S.C. 1433(c), and 19 CFR 122.32, as a proactive measure to protect the safety of the American public in response to the ongoing Ebola disease outbreak. The designation of the above arrival airports was made by the Department of Homeland Security, through U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and in consultation with HHS and the U.S. Department of Transportation and is subject to change.

This direction considers a person to have recently traveled from the DRC, Uganda, or South Sudan if that person departed from, or was otherwise present within, the DRC, Uganda, or South Sudan within 21 days of the date of the person's entry or attempted entry into the United States. These travelers should not be permitted to board unless they are **excepted** from the CDC Order and their travel itinerary indicates the first point of entry into the United States at one of the airports listed above. Crew and flights carrying only cargo (i.e., no passengers or non-crew), are excluded from the applicable measures set forth in this direction.

Violations impose unnecessary challenges to public health. To address errors and ensure consistent compliance with CBP requirements, absent exigent or unusual circumstances, penalties will be pursued against carriers failing to comply with directive.

As set forth in the Secretary's notice, the arrival restrictions will continue until superseded, modified, or revoked by publication in the Federal Register. This modification of the designated airports list shall be effectuated by posting an advisory to www.cbp.gov.

For information on CDC Screening efforts, review the Public Health Notice at the following link: [Federal Register: 2026-05-27](#)

For additional information on Ebola and the CDC response, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov>.

This bulletin supersedes Carrier Liaison Program (CLP) bulletin entitled **Updated Restrictions* Arrival Restrictions Applicable to Flights Carrying Persons Who Have Recently Traveled From or Were Otherwise Present Within the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Uganda, or South Sudan, dated May 22, 2026, Publishing Number 5581-0526a* for the primary purpose of adding a designated arrival location.