

**DIRECTIVE OF THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION,
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Attn: All airlines and aircraft operators operating passenger flights to the United States carrying any passenger who was present in the Republic of Botswana, the Kingdom of Eswatini, the Kingdom of Lesotho, the Republic of Malawi, the Republic of Mozambique, the Republic of Namibia, the Republic of South Africa, or the Republic of Zimbabwe during the 14 days preceding the flight and that are not currently transmitting “designated information” for passengers via established U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) data systems.

Effective dates: This Directive is effective November 30, 2021 and will remain in effect until rescinded or modified by CDC.

On November 26, 2021, the President issued a Proclamation, effective November 29, 2021 at 12:01 AM ET, suspending the entry into the United States, as immigrants or nonimmigrants, of noncitizens who were physically present within the following countries during the 14-day period preceding their entry or attempted entry into the United States: the Republic of Botswana, the Kingdom of Eswatini, the Kingdom of Lesotho, the Republic of Malawi, the Republic of Mozambique, the Republic of Namibia, the Republic of South Africa, or the Republic of Zimbabwe.

Consistent with the President’s action, CDC is issuing this Directive in accordance with its October 25, 2021, [Contact Information Collection Order](#) (Order). According to the Order, airlines and aircraft operators must collect specified “designated information” for all passengers before boarding (but not more than 72 hours before departing from the flight’s foreign point of departure). The “designated information” must be retained for 30 days and transmitted to CDC within 24 hours of a request. These retention and transmission requirements do not apply to “designated information” transmitted to the United States Government using established DHS data systems.

Therefore, in accordance with section 2(a)(4) of the Order, all airlines and aircraft operators operating passenger flights to the United States carrying one or more passengers who were present in the Republic of Botswana, the Kingdom of Eswatini, the Kingdom of Lesotho, the Republic of Malawi, the Republic of Mozambique, the Republic of Namibia, the Republic of South Africa, or the Republic of Zimbabwe during the 14 days preceding the flight are hereby directed to transmit to CDC the “designated information” listed below. The “designated information” must be provided for all flights that departed on or after 12:01 AM ET, November 29, 2021. This date coincides with the effective date of the Presidential Proclamation. The “designated information” must be transmitted to CDC within 24 hours following the effective date of this Directive or 24 hours following the flight’s arrival into the United States, whichever is later. These requirements do not apply to “designated information” otherwise transmitted using established DHS data systems.

In accordance with section 1 of the Order, “designated information” means the information listed below:

Public reporting burden of this collection of information is estimated to average 6 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to CDC/ATSDR Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS D-74, Atlanta, Georgia 30333; ATTN: PRA 0920-1354

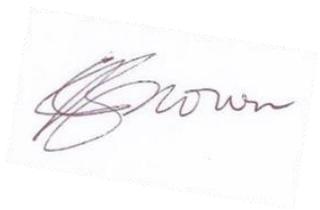
- a) Full name (last, first, and, if available, middle or suffix (e.g., Jr.))
- b) Address while in the United States (number and street, city, state or territory, and ZIP Code)
- c) Primary phone number to include country and area code, at which the passenger can be contacted while in the United States
- d) Secondary phone number to include country and area code, which may be an emergency contact number, a work number, or a home number
- e) Email address that the passenger will routinely check while in the United States
- f) Date of birth
- g) Airline name
- h) Flight number
- i) City of departure
- j) Departure date and time
- k) City of arrival
- l) Arrival date and time
- m) Seat number

Airlines and aircraft operators must transmit the fields of "designated information" listed in (f) through (m) only to the extent they are already available and maintained by the airline or operator.

The "designated information" must be provided as specified in CDC's Order, associated Technical Instructions available at <https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/order-collect-ti.html>, and Frequently Asked Questions available at <https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/order-collect-contact-info.html>.

CDC is issuing this Directive to prevent the importation and spread of a communicable disease of public health importance. Failure to comply with this order may result in the imposition of fines or other penalties as provided in, *inter alia*, 42 USC § 271 and 42 CFR § 71.2, in conjunction with 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571. CDC maintains information retrieved by personal identifier in accordance with federal law, including the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a). Identifiable information may be shared with authorized personnel of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, state and/or local public health departments, and other cooperating authorities.

In testimony whereof, the Chief, Quarantine and Border Health Services Branch, Division of Global Migration and Quarantine, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has hereunto set his hand at Atlanta, Georgia, this November 30, 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Clive M. Brown", enclosed within a faint rectangular border.

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