

# **TRAVELER CHECKLIST**

for Safely Returning to Business Travel

As you return to **business travel**, the pandemic has made it essential to understand the changing landscape we're all navigating.

Airlines and other travel suppliers are rigorously taking **your safety into account** and putting policies in place that might change rapidly. Being prepared and understanding your company's new travel policies and requirements will put you in the best position to travel **safe and smart**.

Using your Travel Management Company for booking, as well as their **tracking and alert tools** will ensure you are not left without **assistance and support**. Here are a few tools and tips as you begin to venture out in the world again for business travel.

#### **Technology & Tools**

We have a new searchable tool called, **KNOW BEFORE YOU GO**, that will help you quickly find the latest State and Country travel restrictions and requirements for your future or upcoming trips. To search, visit: aaacorporatetravel.com/travel-restrictions.

Our traveler alert safety system communicates via email alerting you of any warnings in the areas you are traveling to (disasters, weather issues, pandemics, terrorist threats, etc.). This allows you to quickly make travel changes or adjustments based on this important and timely information.





### **Pre-Trip Checklist**

- Review your company's travel policy as it has likely been amended due to the pandemic. Many companies are mandating the use of your Travel Management Company for your safety.
- Ask if you need approval to travel. Decide with appropriate managers whether your trip has a solid return on investment, or instead could be handled via a virtual meeting.
- 🗹 Update your travel profile, especially emergency contact information.
- Check with your Travel Manager/ Arranger to see which travel suppliers are approved or preferred.
- Consider enrolling in preferred supplier programs to take full advantage of contactless payment methods.
- Ask your Travel Manager/ Arranger if any new documents are needed to travel: medical wellness documents, negative COVID-19 test verification, etc. You can also get this information from your AAA Corporate Travel Consultant.
- Ask your employer what you should do in the event you get sick while on your trip, or local conditions deteriorate.
- Visit the AAA Corporate Travel website to search city, state and country travel restrictions; entry and exit requirements/ risks based on destination.
- Reconfirm your airline's boarding requirements, carry-on limitations, and wellness check processes. Have your vaccination card with you if you have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and other required diseases. The CDC recommends you take a photo of your card. We recommend that you make a copy and laminate it, and keep the original in a safe place at home.
- Check to see if your company covers the cost of PPE and pack safety necessities in your carry-on and checked luggage:
  - Masks and other PPE (gloves, sanitizer, wipes). Many airlines now allow up to 12 ounces of hand sanitizer in your carry-on but all other liquids/ gels are still limited to 3.4 ounces.
- 🗹 Take an extra supply of any medications in case of unexpected delays returning home.
- Check hotel/ rental car hours of operation, as they may have changed due to COVID-19.
- Check hotel and rental car COVID-19 policies and procedures. For instance, some hotels may not offer dining room access or may require contactless payment.
- DO NOT travel if you feel sick, have a fever or have been exposed to COVID-19 within two weeks of traveling. Airlines will not allow passengers to fly with a fever of 100.4 or higher.

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# **During Trip Checklist**

- Arrive early at the airport. Expect delays due to new check-in and safety procedures. Have your face mask available and put it on prior to entering airport.
- Carry food and drinks on the plane in case of no inflight service. Consider carrying extra snacks in your carry-on since many airports have very few food options.
- Wipe door handles and touch screens with antibacterial wipes.
- Use contactless options whenever possible and consider checking in online.
- Follow ALL CDC travel health and safety guidelines, such as masking, social distancing, etc.
- Familiarize yourself with hotel cleaning measures and report any issues or concerns to hotel management and your Travel Manager/ Arranger.
- 🗹 Avoid sharing elevators. Ask for keyless entry if available for your hotel room.
- Wipe down all high-contact areas in your rental car and while getting gas. Social distance on any shuttles or rideshare options.
- Subset Caution when dining out. Utilize drive-thru, delivery and take out options if available.

## **Post-Trip Checklist**

- Determine if you must quarantine according to your state or city requirements when you arrive home. Find out if your company requires you to work from home for a period of time after traveling.
- 🗹 Let your HR department know about any illness or symptoms you have soon after your trip.

Give any feedback about your trip to your HR team or Travel Manager/ Arranger to help keep them abreast of the current state of travel.

#### **Questions?**

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