



**OKLAHOMA**  
**State Department of Health**

## **COVID-19 Traveling within the United States**

CDC does not generally issue advisories or restrictions for travel within the United States. However, cases of COVID-19 have been reported in many states, and some areas are experiencing community spread of the disease. Crowded travel settings, like airports, may increase your risk of exposure to COVID-19, if there are other travelers with COVID-19. There are several things you should consider when deciding whether it is safe for you to travel.

### **THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE TRAVEL:**

- Is COVID-19 spreading where you're going?
- If COVID-19 is spreading at your destination, but not where you live, you may be at higher risk of exposure if you travel there.
- Will you or your travel companion(s) be in close contact with others during your trip?
- Your risk of exposure to respiratory viruses like COVID-19 may increase in crowded settings, particularly closed-in settings with little air circulation, if there are people in the crowd who are sick. This may include settings such as conferences, public events (like concerts and sporting events), religious gatherings, public spaces (like movie theatres and shopping malls), and public transportation (like buses, metro, trains).
- Are you or your travel companion(s) at higher risk of severe illness if you do get COVID-19?
- People at higher risk for severe disease are older adults and people of any age with serious chronic medical conditions (such as heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes). CDC recommends that travelers at higher risk for COVID-19 complications avoid all cruise travel and nonessential air travel.
- Do you have a plan for taking time off from work or school, in case you get exposed to, or are sick with, COVID-19?
- If you have close contact with someone with COVID-19 during travel, you may be asked to stay home to self-monitor and avoid contact with others for up to 14 days after travel. If you become sick with COVID-19, you may be unable to go to work or school until you're considered noninfectious. You will be asked to avoid contact with others (including being in public places) during this period of infectiousness.
- Do you live with someone who is older or has a severe chronic health condition?
- If you get sick with COVID-19 upon your return from travel, your household contacts may be at risk of infection. Household contacts who are older adults or have severe chronic medical conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.



- Is COVID-19 spreading where you live?
- Consider the risk of passing COVID-19 to others during travel, particularly if you will be in close contact with people who are older adults or have severe chronic health condition. These people are at higher risk of getting very sick. If your symptoms are mild or you don't have a fever, you may not realize you are infectious.
- Depending on your unique circumstances, you may choose to delay or cancel your plans. If you do decide to travel, be sure to practice precautions to prevent getting and spreading COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases during travel.

Please note, the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) encourages anyone who is experiencing flu-like symptoms, to self-quarantine for 14 days and report any concerning symptoms to a health care provider or call the **OSDH Call Center at 877-215-8336**.

The OSDH regularly updates the Oklahoma-specific COVID-19 website found at <https://coronavirus@health.ok.gov>.

