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The Secretary presents his compliments to their Excellencies and Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission and wishes to bring to their attention information concerning the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance for a negative pre-departure test for COVID-19 for airline travel originating from the United Kingdom (UK) bound for the United States (US), as it relates to the travel of foreign mission personnel.

In order to help prevent the spread of travel-related cases of COVID-19 in the United States, the CDC has provided guidance for airline passengers arriving from the UK which can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/testing-UK-air-travelers.html>. Each passenger should have a negative pre-departure test for COVID-19. This should be a viral test that was conducted on a specimen collected three calendar days preceding the flight's departure. Passengers should retain written or electronic documentation reflecting the negative Qualifying Test result to present to the airline and have such results available upon request to any US government official or cooperating state or local public health authority.

The airline will verify that every passenger aged 2-years old or older onboard the flight has attested to receiving a negative Qualifying Test result. The

airline will check the documentation and each passenger should have a completed Passenger Disclosure and Attestation to the United States of America which can be found at [https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/pdf/Attachment-A-UK-Passenger-disclosure-and-attestation\\_CLEAN.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/pdf/Attachment-A-UK-Passenger-disclosure-and-attestation_CLEAN.pdf) .

Inquiries concerning this and other matters related to COVID-19 may continue to be transmitted by electronic mail to [OFM-EmergencyMGT@state.gov](mailto:OFM-EmergencyMGT@state.gov). Past circular diplomatic notes and notices released by the Office of Foreign Missions related to COVID-19 may be found at <https://www.state.gov/office-of-foreign-missions-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-information-and-resources/> .

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