



U.S. EMBASSY, SANTIAGO

American Citizen Services

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Joseph R. Biden Jr., new President of the United States



For more information about the 46th President of the United States, please visit <http://ow.ly/khAk50D9tKW>

You can read Mr. President's Inaugural speech [here](#)



Meet vice President Kamara Harris



She is the first woman — and the first person of African, Jamaican and South Asian ancestry — to occupy that position. [Red more](#)



SEND YOUR PASSPORT RENEWAL PACKET BY MAIL

If you live far away or your busy schedule doesn't always make it easy to go to the Embassy, the best option for you is to mail in your passport renewal application packet and receive your new passport at your home address via DHL. The mail-in application is possible if all of the following applies:

- Your current U.S. passport was

issued within the last 15 years.

- You were at least 16 years old at the time your most recent U.S. passport was issued.

- Your most recent U.S. passport is not damaged/lost/stolen and you are able to submit that passport.

- You use the same name as on your most recent U.S. passport; or you have changed your name and can submit legal

documentation to show this change.

More information can be found on our [website](#)



A Welcome Message from Chargé d'Affaires Glenn



Hello! My name is Richard Glenn, and I am the Chargé d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Santiago, Chile. I arrived here in August, along with my wife, Holly.

I'm excited to arrive at such an important time for Chile, as the country works through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, and considers the possibilities that arise from drafting of a new constitution. Chile and the United States enjoy a close bilateral relationship based on our common commitments to democracy, free and reciprocal trade, security, human rights, and the rule of law. Whether it's ensuring the protection and safety of our American citizen community in Chile; promoting U.S. business interests and increasing trade; or improving cooperation in the areas of science, technology, and energy security; one thing is certain -- in Chile, the United States has an important partner with shared values.

In my career in the Foreign Service, I have served in Ecuador, South Africa, the Czech Republic, Argentina, and Mexico. I most recently served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs. I look forward to the opportunities ahead in Chile, and continuing the Department of State's mission in serving American citizens abroad, especially given the challenges we all face with the on-going pandemic. Stay safe, follow local health guidelines, and stay informed through our website's [COVID-19 page](#), which is updated daily!

Need help from Social Security Administration? Here is what you should know!

If you reside in Chile and need to contact the Social Security Administration for any questions or concerns regarding your benefits or anything related to SSA, you must contact the Regional SSA Office located in Buenos Aires, Argentina through the [online form](#). Please see our [website](#) for further information.

Please note that you should no longer make an appointment at the Embassy for benefit claims or consults. If you receive instructions from SSA to visit the Embassy, you can make an Appointment by clicking on the [Appointment System](#).

ONLY first-time U.S. ci-

tizen applicants for a Social Security Number who are over 12 years old can submit their applications through the American Citizen Services Unit at the U.S. Embassy in Santiago. More information may be found in the [following link](#). All other questions or request for a Social Security Number must be done directly with SSA in Argentina through the [online form](#).

If you need proof that you are receiving Social Security benefits, you can request a benefits verification letter (certification) through the American Citizen Services Unit at the U.S. Embassy in Santiago. More information may be found in the [following link](#). Be aware that

this letter is sometimes called a "budget letter," a "benefits letter," a "proof of income letter," or a "proof of award letter".

Want to receive your pension via direct deposit? [Contact SSA](#) for more information.





Special Election in Louisiana's 2nd and 5th Congressional Districts

Did you know?

Living overseas is not an impediment for any U.S. Citizen to exercise his or her right to vote. [The Federal Voting Assistance Program \(FVAP\)](#) is an online tool any U.S. citizen can use to obtain information and help in this process. Read the following information to learn about the process of voting overseas.

Detailed instructions and county contact information are available at fvap.gov/louisiana

You can check the status of your absentee ballot by contacting your [election office](#) directly.

Not voting in Louisiana? Find your state's primary election dates on the FVAP.gov website.

To find your state's election website for specific information on candidates, elections, contact information, and links to your local election offices, visit our [contact page](#)



The State of Louisiana will conduct two special primary elections on Tuesday, March 20, 2021, to fill a vacancy for the 2nd and 5th Congressional Districts. Congressional District 2 includes nearly all of the city of New Orleans and stretches west and north to Baton Rouge. Congressional District 5 includes rural northeastern Louisiana and much of central Louisiana, as well as the northern part of Louisiana's Florida parishes in southeast Louisiana, taking in Monroe, Alexandria, Opelousas, Amite and Bogalusa.

Service members, eligible family members, and overseas citizens who are registering to vote for the first time can use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) available at fvap.gov/FPCA. A [fillable PDF](#) is also available. Voters must submit their completed, signed FPCA to their local election officials in Louisiana via email, mail, or fax by February 17, 2021.

Those who have already registered to vote but have not yet requested their ballot can do so by submitting the FPCA to their local election officials in Louisiana via email, mail, or fax by 4:30 PM CT on March 19, 2021.

Finally, voters who already registered and requested their absentee ballot must return their completed, signed absentee ballot by mail or fax before 8pm CT on March 20, 2021.

Voters who have not received their requested state ballot can use the backup ballot called the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) available at fvap.gov/FWAB. A [fillable PDF](#) is also available. Voters must return their completed, signed backup ballot by mail or fax before 8pm CT on March 20, 2021.

FVAP offers an email-to-fax service for service members and their eligible family members, as well as overseas citizens, who do not have access to a fax machine. Voters can email their completed ballot to fax@FVAP.gov before the ballot return deadline. A member of the FVAP team will fax the ballot to the appropriate election office on behalf of the voter.



Your vote counts! Did you know that many U.S. elections for house and senate have been decided by a margin smaller than the number of ballots cast by absentee voters? All states are required to count every absentee ballot as long as it is valid and reaches local election officials by the absentee ballot receipt deadline. If you want to vote from abroad, you must send in a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to your local election officials every year – even if you have previously voted from overseas – and every time you change your name, physical address, or email address.

Follow a few simple steps to make sure that you can vote in the U.S. elections:

Request Your Ballot: Complete a new [Federal Post Card Application \(FPCA\)](#) online at www.FVAP.gov. You must complete a new FPCA to ensure you receive your ballot for the elections. Return the FPCA per the instructions on the [website](#).

Receive and Complete Your Ballot: States are required to send out ballots 45 days before a regular election for federal office and states generally send out ballots at least 30 days before primary elections. For most states, you can confirm your [registration and ballot deliv-](#)

[ery online](#). If it is already within 45 days before Election Day and you have not yet received your ballot, fill out and mail in an emergency write-in ballot: the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB). You can also drop off your FWAB in person at the embassy and we will mail it to the United States for you via Diplomatic Post Office.

Returning Your Completed, Signed Ballot: Some states allow you to return your completed ballot electronically and others do not. If your state requires you to return paper voting forms or ballots to local election officials by mail, you can do so through international mail, or professional courier service. You can drop off your FPCA or completed ballot in

person at our Embassy, and we will mail it to the United States for you. Ballots must be placed in postage paid return envelopes or in envelopes bearing sufficient U.S. domestic postage so they may be delivered to the proper local election authorities (NOTE: postage from Chile to the United States is not required using this method).



ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TRAVELING DURING COVID-19

Entry and Exit requirements to Chile

Requirements for Entry (when boarding the plane) – This is for all travelers (of all ages), including Chileans, foreign residents, accredited diplomats, and foreign tourists.

- A completed “Affidavit of Travelers” electronic form (available at www.c19.cl and also known as a Sanitary Passport) prepared less than 48 hours before boarding;
- Proof of a negative result from a PCR result from a test taken within 72 hours prior to boarding their final flight to Chile. (Note: the 72-hour time period begins from the time the test is administered – not from when the test results are returned).

Note: “Rapid” COVID-19 tests (for example, antigen-only tests) are not accepted for entry into Chile. The test must be a PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)

PCR test are not performed at Santiago International Airport;

And

- Proof of a health insurance policy that provides coverage for Covid-19 and related health issues during the traveler’s stay in Chile. The Health Insurance must cover charges associated with COVID-19 during your stay, with a coverage of USD \$ 30,000 (minimum). All documents must be presented before boarding the flight to Chile (Foreign residents of Chile, holders of diplomatic/official passports and Chilean citizens are exempt from the health insurance requirements).

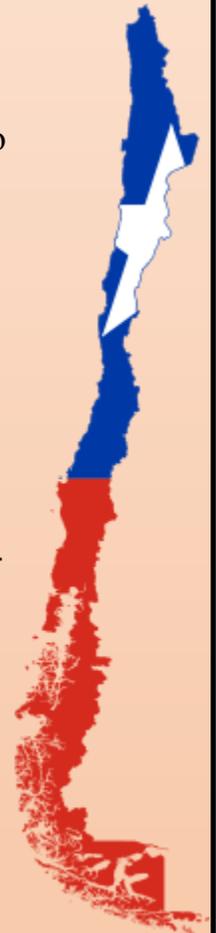
As of December 31, all travelers, including Chileans, foreign residents, accredited diplomats, and foreign tourists, must complete an obligatory 10-day quarantine upon their arrival to Chile. They will be able to leave quarantine with a negative PCR result based on a test taken on or after the seventh day in quarantine. Travelers must remain in quarantine while they await their result.

Note:

- * For those departing from Santiago airport, your boarding pass serves as a salvoconducto (safe conduct) from a home to the airport for the passengers whose name is listed, even during quarantines and curfews.

Some regions of Chile have additional regulations. For example, travelers to Magallanes must provide a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours of arrival, and travelers to Aysén need a PCR test taken within 96 hours of arrival. Further information is available in Spanish at <https://chile.travel/planviajarachile> and in English at <https://chile.travel/en/traveltochileplan>.

All foreigners entering Chile must comply with prescribed public health measures such as wearing a mask, practicing social distancing, avoiding quarantined comunas (neighborhoods), and respecting nightly curfews.





ATTENTION travelers coming from the UK:

Due to the information provided by the United Kingdom authorities, and its epidemiological situation, the Chilean Government has announced, as of Tuesday 22nd December:

- The cancellation of all direct flights between the UK and Chile.
- A ban on entry to all foreign non-legal residents who have been in the UK in the last 14 days.
- The obligation for all Chilean and legal foreign residents entering the country, who have been in the UK during the last 14 days, to undertake a mandatory 14-day quarantine in Chile.



Entry requirements to the United States

Effective January 26, all airline passengers to the United States ages two years and older must provide either a negative COVID-19 viral test taken within three calendar days of travel or provide a positive test result and documentation from a licensed health care provider or public health official of having recovered from COVID-19 in the 90 days preceding travel. Passengers must also attest, under penalty of law, to having received a negative qualifying test result or to recovery from COVID-19 and medical clearance to travel.



Check the CDC website for additional information and [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Airlines must deny boarding to passengers who do not meet these requirements.

For more information, please check the following websites:

- Monitor the [CDC website](#) for latest guidance regarding testing requirements.
- Check with your air carriers or travel representative prior to departure for the United States.
- [Check COVID-19 Country Specific Information](#) updated information on COVID-19 related information including availability of testing.
- Visit [travel.state.gov](#) to view individual Travel Advisories for the most urgent threats to safety and security.
- Visit the [Department of Homeland Security's website](#) on the latest travel restrictions to the United States.
- Click [here](#) for our COVID FAQs Search Tool

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