

(v. 5) FAQ on TRAVEL & TESTING REQUIREMENTS

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This document is intended to be a living document to provide assistance to non-Chinese citizens attempting to return to China from the **United States**. (Chinese citizens have similar testing requirements, but different ways of getting their results authorized.)

TL;DR SUMMARY:

If you do not have **RECENTLY ISSUED VISA** (i.e. issued after March 26, 2020), it is still relatively difficult to get approved for the green code to go back to China... *even if you have a valid Residence Permit or a valid Work Permit.*

If you have a Residence Permit, you will have to get preapproval from select consulates by proving that it is **URGENT** and **ESSENTIAL** that you fly back to China **NOW** (as opposed to later, when the pandemic is more "under control").

If you are in China now, **DO NOT LEAVE** unless absolutely necessary - and be prepared for a prolonged stay outside of China. Leaving China will make it **VERY DIFFICULT** to get back.

On March 15, 2020, the Chinese Embassy in the United States (along with other Chinese embassies around the world) released an official statement that indicated that the **VISA application** of applicants who had been vaccinated with a *Chinese vaccine* would be expedited.
(<http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/visas/t1861379.htm>)

Please note that we **DO NOT** yet know what this means for people with Residence Permits. In other words, it is still **NOT risk-free** to fly back to the United States, even if you have gotten the Chinese vaccine in China.

UPDATE: Many people who are currently in the U.S. have asked whether or not getting vaccinated with a non-Chinese vaccine while in the United States will help or hinder their health code application for travel. Please note this announcement from the LA Consulate that indicates it will not affect (in either direction) your HDC application:

"[For] People who have not been diagnosed with new coronary pneumonia or have a history of infection, in principle, vaccination will not affect the application of the health code."
(<http://losangeles.china-consulate.org/chn/lbyj/t1869604.htm>)

This document aims to guide people through this process - however, please note that **NOTHING** is guaranteed and consulates are constantly releasing new guidelines/requirements on returning. Please make sure that you are also constantly checking the relevant consulate announcements.

Please read through everything carefully. Updates are based on the feedback and experiences of others to help those trying to return to their adopted home.

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All relevant Information is expanded upon in this document, but in case you want to read through the original notices regarding testing requirements (these documents are often referred to, even in the new documents):

- Updated Test Requirements (as of 12/23): <http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/visas/t1841416.htm>
- Testing Requirements (as of 10/29 - clarification of requirements for transit passengers) :
<http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/notices/t1828184.htm>
- Q&As Concerning Airline Boarding Requirements for Certificates of Negative Nucleic Acid and Anti-Body Blood Tests Results (<http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/visas/zyxx/t1829922.htm>)

MAKE SURE TO CHECK THE CONSULATES REGULARLY FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION!!

I try to update this FAQ regularly, but obviously I cannot reflect changes daily. It is CRUCIAL that you are ALSO checking the consulate notices regularly. Furthermore, I would recommend checking both the CHINESE *and* ENGLISH sites, as some notices are posted on one side and not the other (even when they apply to all travelers).

Los Angeles Consulate (for flights departing from LAX)

ENGLISH NOTICES: <http://losangeles.china-consulate.org/eng/lghd/>

CHINESE NOTICES: <http://losangeles.china-consulate.org/chn/lbjj/>

San Francisco Consulate Notices (for flights departing from SFO)

ENGLISH NOTICES: <http://www.chinaconsulatesf.org/eng/zytz/>

CHINESE NOTICES: <http://www.chinaconsulatesf.org/chn/zytz/>

New York Consulate Notices (for flights departing from JFK)

ENGLISH NOTICES: <http://newyork.china-consulate.org/eng/lswss/>

CHINESE NOTICES: <http://newyork.china-consulate.org/chn/fwzc/zxtz/>

Chicago Consulate Notices (for flights departing from Detroit)

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Washington D.C. Embassy Notices (for flights departing from Dallas)

ENGLISH NOTICES: <http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/visas/>

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UPDATES from AROUND THE WORLD (NEW SECTION - started 1/30)

Namely, there are 2 types of bans:

- 1) Bans for non-Chinese citizens (regardless of nationality or residency): This is similar to the situation back in March 2020, where foreign nationals with valid residence permits were NOT allowed to return to China. People with new visas issued after that date (usually for exceptional reasons) were allowed to return.
- 2) "Bans" on Green Codes for non-Chinese citizens and non-residents of the country. Essentially, this is to prevent "country-hopping" by people traveling to another country for the sole-purpose of getting back to China.

COUNTRIES WITH BANS ON ALL NON-CHINESE CITIZENS (Ban 1)	SOURCE/Notes
CANADA	http://ca.china-embassy.org/eng/lsw/t1849754.htm Newly added: 2021-01-30
Bangladesh	Banned since November 2020 See https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/world.php
Belgium	
France	
India	
Italy	
Philippines	
Russia	
United Kingdom	

COUNTRIES WITH GREEN CODE RESTRICTIONS FOR NON RESIDENTS (Ban 2)	SOURCE/Notes
KOREA	No official announcement as of now Newly added: last week of Jan?
SWITZERLAND	http://zurich.chineseconsulate.org/det/zytz/t1847061.htm
UZBEKISTAN	No official announcement as of now
Denmark	http://dk.china-embassy.org/eng/zdgx/t1848699.htm

Again, if you have a recently issued visa, you probably do not need to go through getting pre approval; you can go straight to buying tickets and testing.

If you do not have a visa but are currently applying for one or thinking about applying for one, please see these FAQs from the Chinese Embassy with regards to visas: <http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/visas/faq/>

Note that the Chinese Embassy and Consulate Generals have announced several notices (mainly on the Chinese side of their website) over the past few months about limiting non-essential, non-urgent travel. Reading through those notices will give you a sense of the things that the Chinese government is worried about.

Here is a sample of some *recent* notices from the various consulates/embassy:

DC EMBASSY:

2021/1/10: “关于“非必要、非紧急、不旅行”这件事，我们要对您说更多心里话”

“Regarding the "non-essential, non-urgent, non-traveling" matter, we want to say more to you”

(<http://www.china-embassy.org/chn/lzsj/zytz/t1845514.htm>)

SF Consulate:

2021/2/18: “提醒：持工作、私人、团聚类居留许可外国人慎重跨境旅行”

“Reminder: Foreigners holding work, private, or group residence permits should be cautious about cross-border travel” (<http://www.chinaconsulatesf.org/chn/zytz/t1854648.htm>)

Step 0: STRONGLY SUGGESTED

You CANNOT fly if you test positive for COVID for either metric (nucleic acid or IgM antibodies). Even if you “think” you haven’t been sick, it is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** to get tested relatively regularly while waiting in the United States.

A couple of things to note:

- Make sure that you go to a place that will take a venous sample (i.e. a “blood draw”) and NOT a fingerprick sample for your IgM test.
- It is probably better to get tested somewhere that is **NOT** one of the officially “approved” testing sites (those sites are listed in [Section 2: “Getting Tested \(With Approved Locations\)”](#)). This is because if you test positive at one of the “official” testing sites, they are obligated to REPORT that information to the consulates/embassy. This may result in your application for a health code being DENIED, *even if it is a FALSE POSITIVE!*

Current Status on Vaccines:

Currently, there is nothing to indicate that getting vaccinated (in the United States or in China) will help *or* hinder your return to China. We *have* had people who got the Pfizer vaccine in the United States return successfully to China and there seems to be allowances (at least from the LA consulate) for accepting positive antibody results that may result from a vaccination (as opposed to an infection).

With regards to things to be aware of, care is required to choose testing sites that use appropriate testing methods (explained more in the testing section). Otherwise, it is up to you to decide whether to get the vaccines if/when they are available in your area.

Step 1: Getting pre approval

This is a NEW requirement that was announced by the LA, SF, and Chicago consulates in late February. As of now, there has not been any equivalent announcements by the NY consulate or the DC Embassy.

Essentially, if you currently have a valid **Residence Permit** in one of the three accepted categories (work, personal matters, reunion) and are planning on returning to China, you need to contact the relevant consulate **BEFORE** buying a ticket or getting tested. The consulates will not issue a health code without record of approval. You will also NOT be able to check-in to your flights if you don't get preapproval (and a green HDC) before your flight.

*Again, this does NOT apply to Chinese nationals or to foreign nationals with **VISAS** issued on/after March 26, 2020, or to foreign nationals with **CHINESE PERMANENT RESIDENT CARDS**.*

There does not seem to be any sort of negative result from emailing/contacting ALL of the consulates for pre approval. Thus, if you are in this situation, it is recommended that you email/contact ALL of the consulates and then figure out tickets/testing after (if) you get the approval.

All consulates listed below vaguely refer to "supporting documents" or "other materials" that can be included as part of your email. It is not clear what this entails. However, it is suggested to include a letter of urgency from your employer that explains why your travel back to China is URGENT and ESSENTIAL. See the Appendix for suggested formats for a Letter of Urgency.

PRE APPROVAL FROM THE LA CONSULATE (flights departing from LAX) **UPDATED WITH Google Form LINK**
<http://losangeles.china-consulate.org/eng/lghd/t1852604.htm> , 2021/02/08)

- **NOTE:** This requirement does not apply to Chinese nationals and foreign nationals with Chinese visas issued on and after March 26, 2020 or foreign nationals who are Chinese Permanent Residents.

- Fill in the following Google Form. **They will email you their response.**

(https://docs.qq.com/form/page/DSGN4Zmh4QmFtbXpX?_w_tencentdocx_form=1#/fill)

You will need to create an account to fill out the form. The account can be through wechat or QQ.

These are the questions from the form:

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENT QUESTIONS BASED ON WHAT KIND OF RESIDENCE PERMIT YOU HAVE!!

(Items 9-11 are for foreign nationals holding work residence permits;

items 12-14 are for those holding residence permits for personal matters or reunification.)

- 01 你的姓名/Your name
请先填写护照中的英文姓名，再填写中文姓名（如有） Please input your name as in your passport, followed by your Chinese name if applicable.
- 02 你的国籍/Your nationality
- 03 你的护照号码/Passport number
- 04 你的电子邮箱/Your email
审核结果将发送至此邮箱。The review result will be sent to this email address.
- 05 再次输入你的电子邮箱/Re-enter your email
- 06 你的手机号码/Your mobile number
- 07 上传你的护照信息页/Upload your passport data page
- 08 上传你的有效居留许可/Upload your valid Residence Permit in China
- 09 如持工作类居留许可，请简要说明赴华必要、紧急事由/Briefly explain the necessary and urgent reasons if you have a valid residence permit for work
- 10 上传中国国内邀请单位公函或邀请人信函/Upload official letter of the inviting company or person in China
- 11 上传美国所在单位出具的公函/Upload official letter from your employer in the US
- 12 如持私人、团聚类居留许可，请简要说明和邀请人关系及赴华紧急性、必要性事由/Briefly explain the necessary and urgent reasons to visit China and your relationship to the invitee if you have a valid residence permit for personal matters or reunion.
- 13 上传在华亲属病例资料/Upload medical record of your relative in China
- 14 上传亲属关系证明/Upload certificate of kinship with your relative in China
- 15 勾选并接受本人声明Please check to accept the statement
我保证以上信息属实，并愿承担一切责任。I guarantee that all info is true and I'll bear all the responsibilities.

PRE APPROVAL FROM THE SF CONSULATE (flights departing from SFO)

(<http://www.chinaconsulatesf.org/chn/zytz/t1854648.htm> , 2021/02/18)

- Write to: health.sfconsulate@gmail.com
- Include your passport, residence permit, the explanation of the reason for going to China and “other materials”
- Additional details: If there are necessary reasons such as emergency, humanitarian, etc., include that in your email.
- The above requirements do not apply to Chinese citizens and foreigners who have recently applied for and obtained emergency and humanitarian visas.

PRE APPROVAL FROM THE CHICAGO CONSULATE (flights departing from Detroit)

(<http://www.chinaconsulatechicago.org/eng/zytz/t1855274.htm>; 2020/2/20)

- Write to 12308chicago@gmail.com
- Include the purpose of your visit to China, copies of the passport and Chinese Residence Permit, other supporting documents.
- This requirement does not apply to Chinese nationals and foreign nationals with Chinese visas issued on and after March 26, 2020.

Step 2: Buying tickets

Currently, you **MUST** fly back on a **DIRECT FLIGHT** from the US in order to get a green Health Code approved by the consulates.

- Note that direct flights to China from the US only depart from: **Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, New York, Detroit and Dallas**. *As of the 12/23 announcements*, you should plan to get to those cities at least 2 days ahead of time so that you can get tested and apply for the Health Declaration Code before flying. (<http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/visas/t1841416.htm>)
- HOWEVER, please note that it has been VERY DIFFICULT for people to get approval for the Green Code from Dallas and Seattle - mainly because the DC Embassy is overseeing the Health Code approvals from those cities. (It seems that they are trying to divide up the work for giving Health Codes among the consulates.)
 - Note (1/31/2020): In fact, due to so many flights being cancelled b/c not enough people got approved for Green Codes, Delta Airlines has rerouted all flights out of Seattle to fly out of Detroit from February 1st to the end of March.
- *Please note that many “direct” flights have a crew change in Incheon Airport. This DOES NOT count as a “transfer” and as such, you do not need to do another test at Incheon (mainly because you aren’t even allowed to deboard the airplane during that stop). If passengers stay on board in the same plane in a 1.5 hr layover in Korea, the flight is regarded as a direct flight. Make sure that your ticket has the same flight number on both legs!*

APPROVED FLIGHTS from US to China (as of April 1st)

(<https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/FRFvkCZvwnAZbVmlvtOs2g>)

 The United States	Beijing – Los Angeles	CA987	Sun.
	Los Angeles – Taijing	CA988	Mon.
	Shenzhen – Los Angeles	CA769	Tues.
	Los Angeles – Shenzhen	CA770	Wed.
	Guangzhou – Los Angeles	CA327	Thur./Fri.
	Los Angeles – Guangzhou	CA328	Sat./ Sun.
	Xiamen – Los Angeles	MF829	Wed.
	Los Angeles – Xiamen	MF830	Sun.
	Shanghai – New York	MU587	Tues./Mon.
	New York – Shanghai	MU588	Wed./ Mon.
	Seattle – Shanghai	DL287	Tues./ Thur.
	Shanghai – Seattle	DL288	Thur./ Sat.
 The United States	Detroit – Shanghai	DL283	Mon. /Fri.
	Shanghai - Detroit	DL284	Wed. /Sun.
	Shanghai – San Francisco	UA858	Mon./Tues. Fri. / Sun.
	San Francisco – Shanghai	UA857	Wed. /Fri. /Sat. / Sun.
	Dallas – Shanghai	AA127	Wed.
	Shanghai – Dallas	AA128	Thur.

2) GETTING TESTED (WITH APPROVED LOCATIONS)

REMINDER: The embassy/consulates have released a list of approved testing locations in each of their jurisdictions that correspond to the cities in that have DIRECT flights to China: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle (SF Consulate), New York, Detroit (Chicago Consulate) and Dallas (DC Embassy).

You can now ONLY get tested in those cities!

If you have a RESIDENCE PERMIT, you should get PRE APPROVAL before TESTING!!! (see above)

OVERVIEW of Process

- a. Don't forget to take your passport to get tested!
- b. You need to take a PCR (nucleic acid) test and an IgM antibody test

IMPORTANT DETAILS:

 - **MAKE SURE that you disclose that you are TRAVELLING TO CHINA.**
 - **At your testing site, you may be required to fill in a Health Status Declaration Form.** There is a sample form provided in the Appendix for your reference.
 - The **specimen collection date** (i.e. the date of the tests) needs to be **2 days** before departure.
 - Make sure that your test results include all of the necessary details with regards to collection method, etc. (see next heading)
 - **For applications in the past, it has been helpful to also submit photos taken at the site: getting your blood sample drawn; getting your nasal swab; one in front of the testing site holding up your passport. It does not seem to be required in some of the cities, but it doesn't hurt to ask!**
- c. Once you have taken the test, you will upload the results (and other paperwork) onto the online Health Declaration Code portal. (See Section 3 - Getting Authentication of Test Results)

d. If you test positive for either the PCR test or for IgM antibodies, please refer to the "What if I test positive?" question in the "COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS" in this section.

Please note that all of the "official" testing sites will REPORT any positive results to the respective consulates. Therefore, even if it is a "false positive", your HDC application will be locked for 14 days and you will not be able to even apply for the health code (*even if you test negative the following day!*).

e. If you have been vaccinated already (with a Chinese vaccine or with any of the vaccines currently available in the US), please refer to the "What if I've already been vaccinated?" question in the "COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS" in this section.

Please note that currently, only the LA consulate has laid out specific requirements with respect to people who have been vaccinated. These requirements are also different based on the type of vaccine you may have received. Finally, you should have had ALL doses (two or one, depending on the vaccine) before you travel.

REQUIRED details on the Test Results

Your test results should include the following:

- i. Your name
- ii. DOB
- iii. Specimen Collection Date
- iv. Name and the contact information of the test agency
- v. **Test Results**
- vi. **MUST CLEARLY STATE that the Antibody Test tested for IgM antibodies; and**
 1. Must include the **COLLECTION METHOD** using terms like: Serum, Venous
 2. Must state the **TESTING METHOD**, such as:
 - (1) Chemiluminescence;
 - (2) Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay;
- vii. **MUST CLEARLY STATE that the Nucleic Acid Test was NAAT or RT-PCR; and**
 1. Must state the **COLLECTION METHOD**, such as:
 - (1) Pharyngeal swab;
 - (2) Nasopharyngeal swab;

APPROVED LOCATIONS

The locations below are reproduced with additional notes from the accepted testing labs list.

PLEASE ALWAYS MAKE SURE TO CHECK THE CONSULATES FOR THE MOST UPDATED TESTING LOCATIONS

- Los Angeles Notices (for flights departing from LAX): <http://losangeles.china-consulate.org/eng/lghd/>
- SF Consulate Notices (for flights departing from SFO): <http://www.chinaconsulatesf.org/eng/zytz/>
- New York Consulate Notices (for flights departing from JFK):
<http://newyork.china-consulate.org/eng/lswss/>
- Chicago Consulate Notices (for flights departing from Detroit):
<http://www.chinaconsulatechicago.org/eng/zytz/>
- Washington D.C. Embassy Notices (for flights departing from Dallas):
<http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/visas/>

Los Angeles Consulate → For flights departing from LAX

MAKE SURE to also check the LA Consulate for the most updated list!!! (Updated 3/15)

LA lists the “Testing Agency” depending on the lab that analyzes your test results, which may or may not be the same place as where you initially signed up for the test. Please note the “Testing Agency” carefully below.

TESTING LOCATIONS SHEET: <https://docs.qq.com/sheet/DSExicEdBeUFiWFpw?tab=BB08J2>

LOCATION/CONTACT (LOS ANGELES)	COST/TIME
<p>NAME: Neoanalytics Laboratory</p> <p>Address: 25 S Raymond Avenue Suite 204, Alhambra, CA 91801</p> <p>Phone #: (626) 703-4445</p> <p>Email: neoanalyticslab@gmail.com</p> <p>Hours - APPOINTMENT NEEDED Mon-Fri: 7:30am-5:30pm Sat-Sun/Holidays: 7:30am-12:00pm</p>	<p>Testing Agency: Neoanalytics Laboratory</p> <p>COST: Double Detection (PCR & IgM) - \$215 N Protein - \$35</p>
<p>NAME: Equaltox Laboratory (LAX site) (www.allwematter.com)</p> <p>Address: 9600 South Sepulveda Blvd, Los Angeles CA, 90045</p> <p>Phone #: (949)232-9202</p> <p>Email: lax.equaltox@gmail.com</p> <p>Wechat: kkpp_2020</p> <p>Hours - APPOINTMENT NEEDED Mon - Fri: 9am - 3pm Sat: 9:00am - 12:00pm</p>	<p>Testing Agency: Equaltox Laboratory</p> <p>COST: Double Detection (PCR & IgM) - \$265 N Protein - \$20</p>

<p>NAME: PacGenomics - CCIC (https://pacgenomics.com/covid-19-testing/)</p> <p>Address: 28222 Agoura Road, Suite 200/201 Agoura Hills, CA 91301</p> <p>Phone #: Office: 818-597-1938; (818)879-3612 Mandarin Line (Eva Dai): (310) 975-9079 Email: info@pacgenomics.com</p> <p>Hours - APPOINTMENT NEEDED Mon - Sun: 9am - 11am; 2pm - 4pm Holidays: 9 - 12pm</p>	<p>Testing Agency: PacGenomics Clinical Genetics Lab</p> <p>COST: Double Detection (PCR & IgM) - \$260 N Protein - \$25</p>
<p>NAME: Sun Clinical Laboratories</p> <p>Address: 9349 Telstar Ave, El Monte, CA 91731 Phone #: (626) 234-2355 Email: data0011@hotmail.com</p> <p>Hours - WALK-IN ONLY Mon - Sat: 8am - 5pm (closed on holidays)</p>	<p>Testing Agency: Sun Clinical Laboratories</p> <p><i>Both locations are tested by the same lab.</i></p> <p>COST (directly at Sun Clinical Laboratory): Double Detection (PCR & IgM) - \$250 N Protein - \$25</p>
<p>NAME: William Bao MD Inc. (http://www.drwilliamwbao.com/index.htm)</p> <p>Address: 17595 Almahurst St., #202, Rowland Heights, CA 91748</p> <p>Phone #: (626) 581-4990 Email: drbaomdinc@gmail.com</p> <p>Hours - APPOINTMENT NEEDED Mon - Fri: 9:00am - 12:00pm; 1:00pm - 4:00pm Sat: 9:00am - 12:00pm</p>	<p>COST (if you book through Dr. Bao): Double Detection (PCR & IgM) - \$275 N Protein - \$30</p>
<p>NAME: Nova/ Genentox Diagnostics Labs (https://novadiagnosticslabs.com/order-form/?th=005)</p> <p>TWO LOCATIONS: LAB 1: 8610 South Sepulveda Blvd. Ste. 108, Los Angeles, CA 90045 LAB 2: 5252 Orange Ave., Ste 101, Cypress, CA 90630</p>	<p>Testing Agency: Nova/Genentox Diagnostics Labs</p> <p>COST: Double Detection (PCR & IgM) - \$260 N Protein - \$0</p>

<p>Phone # (for both): (833)668-2522; (714)224-9555; (916)296-7843 Email: novafly@novadiagnosticslabs.com Wechat: 627471728</p> <p>Hours - APPOINTMENT NEEDED Mon - Sun: 8am - 4pm; Holidays: 8am - 12pm</p>	
<p>NAME: Airport Diagnostic Institute (www.airportdxi.com)</p> <p>Address: 5757 W Century Blvd, Suite 722, Los Angeles, CA 90045 Phone #: (424)419-0017 Email: customerservice@airportdxi.com</p> <p>Hours - WALK-IN ONLY Mon - Sun: 7:00am - 1:00pm; 2:00pm - 7:00pm</p>	<p><u>Testing Agency: Medical Diagnostic Laboratory</u></p> <p>COST: Double Detection (PCR & IgM) - \$265</p> <p>NOTE: They do NOT have the option to test for the N Protein for IgMs.</p>

San Francisco Consulate → For flights departing from SFO and SEA

MAKE SURE to also check the SF Consulate for the most updated list!!! (this is as of 12/21)

LOCATION/CONTACT (SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA)	COST/TIME
<p>NAME: Apostle Diagnostics (https://apostledx.com)</p> <p>Address: 160 E Tasman Dr, STE 116, San Jose, CA 95134 Phone #: 888-992-7678 Email: support@apostledx.com</p> <p>Hours - APPOINTMENT NEEDED 9am - 2pm (for same day reports) (were also open on Xmas day)</p>	<p>COST: \$389 (for both tests)</p> <p>TIME: Less than 24 hrs. (If the appointment is in the AM, can usually get results by 8PM.)</p> <p>NOTES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They send you a key about an hour before the results come out. This key can be used on their website to get the results. - If you don't get the email w/the key, CONTACT THEM!
<p>NAME: TargetDx Laboratory (www.targetdxlab.com)</p> <p>Address: 6541-B Via Del Oro, San Jose, CA 95119 Phone #: 219-510-0120 Email: info@targetdxlab.com</p> <p>MAKE APPT AHEAD OF TIME!!!</p>	<p>COST:</p> <p>TIME:</p>
<p>NAME: My Doctor Medical Group (https://mydoctorsf.com/) (https://mydoctorsf.com/covid-19-testing-for-travel-to-china/)</p> <p>Address: Rm 840, 450 Sutter St, San Francisco, CA 94108 Phone #: 415-963-4431 Email: office@mydoctorsf.com</p> <p>MAKE APPT AHEAD OF TIME!!!</p>	<p>COST: TOTAL: \$550 <i>Extra \$75 for results by 9am the next day</i></p> <p>TIME: Results of both tests are delivered via an online portal by 17:00PM the next day.</p> <p>NOTES: The receptionist might tell you that photos aren't allowed, but the nurse will let you take a photo of each test if you insist. (But also apparently the SF consulate no longer requires it.)</p>
<p>NAME: Chinese Hospital (https://www.chinesehospital-sf.org/zh-hant/covid19-testing-services)</p> <p>Address: 845 Jackson St, San Francisco, CA 94133 Phone #: 628-228-2828; 415-677-2370; 415-677-2376</p>	<p>COST: \$550 for both</p> <p>TIME: 24 hr turnaround for PCR and IgM testing</p> <p>NOTES: Appointments in the morning only</p>

<p>Email: supporthealthservices@chasf.org</p> <p>MAKE APPT AHEAD OF TIME!!!</p>	<p>- Begin testing at 11:30am (don't forget to bring your passport!!)</p>
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(The HDC codes for flights departing from SEA are being processed by the DC embassy... but the list seems to still be updated by the SF consulate.)

- **Note (1/31/2020): Due to so many flights being cancelled b/c not enough people got approved for Green Codes, Delta Airlines has rerouted all flights out of Seattle to fly out of Detroit from February 1st to the end of March. Please check your itinerary carefully!!**

LOCATION/CONTACT (SEATTLE)	COST/TIME
<p>NAME: Seattle US BIOTEK LABORATORIES (www.usbiotek.com)</p> <p>Address: 16020 Linden Ave N, Shoreline, WA 98133</p> <p>Phone #: 206-365-1256</p> <p>Email: cservice@usbiotek.com</p>	<p>COST: \$500?</p> <p>NOTES: Specimen collection for testing can be scheduled with ARCpoint Labs and AnyLabTestNow. US BIOTEK will perform the testing and issue the report. Method of specimen collection and testing shall meet the relevant requirements. Online booking AnyLabTestNow: www.anylabtestnow.com Online booking ARCpoint: www.arcpointlabs.com</p>
<p>NAME: ARCpoint Labs of Seattle West (www.arcpointlabs.com)</p> <p>Address: 4636 E Marginal Way S, Suite B250, Seattle WA 98134</p> <p>Phone #: 206-455-8970</p> <p>Email: tcollyer@arcpointlabs.com</p>	<p>ARCpoint Labs (Seattle & Renton) will collect the specimen, perform the testing and issue the report. Methods of specimen collection and testing shall meet the relevant requirements.</p>
<p>NAME: ARCpoint Labs of Renton (www.arcpointlabs.com)</p> <p>Address: 4300 Talbot Road S, Bldg 200, Renton WA 98055</p> <p>Phone #: 425-264-5251</p> <p>Email: tcollyer@arcpointlabs.com</p>	

New York Consulate → For flights departing from JFK**MAKE SURE to also check the NY Consulate for the most updated list!!! (Updated on 2/17)**

LOCATION/CONTACT	COST/TIME
<p>NAME: NewPath Diagnostic Laboratory (http://newpathdx.com/)</p> <p>Address: 42-11 Parsons Blvd, Queens, NY 11355</p> <p>TESTING LOCATION: Happy City Adult Day Care Center 42-34 Saull Street Flushing, NY 11355</p> <p>Phone #: 718-321-1108</p> <p>Hours: WALK-IN only, no appointments needed Monday – Saturday, 10 am – 5:00 pm. Closed on Sunday and Holidays.</p> <p>Email: newpath.cov@gmail.com</p>	<p>COST: \$250 (Health insurance is NOT accepted)</p> <p>TIME: Reports are ready within 24 hours after specimens are received in the lab.</p>
<p>NAME: Lenco Diagnostic Laboratories (https://www.lencolab.com/) Dr. Yulin Wang</p> <p>Address: 133-29 41st Rd,Suite 2D Flushing, NY 11355 Phone #: 917-997-1311</p> <p>Hours: Closed on Sundays</p> <p>NEEDS PHYSICIAN REFERRAL</p>	<p>COST:</p> <p>TIME: 48 - 72 hours</p>

Chicago Consulate → For flights departing from DTW (Detroit)

MAKE SURE to also check the Chicago Consulate for the most updated list!!! (Updated on 12/20)

LOCATION/CONTACT (MICHIGAN/ILLINOIS)	COST/TIME
<p>NAME: Great Lakes Medical Laboratory, Inc (https://glmlinc.com/)</p> <p>Address: 28275 Five Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48154 Phone #: (248) 254-3950</p> <p>Registration Link (Need appt) https://lab.bigbenmedical.com/travelers-to-china/</p> <p>Hours: Mon - Sun: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm</p>	<p>COST:</p> <p>TIME:</p>
<p>NAME: GoPath Laboratories LLC ()</p> <p>Address: 1351 Barclay Blvd, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089 Phone #: (855) 467-2849; (224) 588-9940 (office) OWNER: Mathew Bless - (312) 607-2285</p> <p>Hours: Mon - Sun: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm</p>	<p>COST:</p> <p>TIME:</p> <p>NOTE: GoPath lab uses the test from the company 'Biohit' which has FDA EUA (emergency use authorization). [Per] the manufacturer the test looks for antibody to the N protein (produced during natural infection but not by mRNA vaccine) and not the S (spike) protein (produced by both natural infection and mRNA vaccine). Assuming all of this is correct, the Pfizer and Moderna (mRNA) vaccines will test negative for IgM.</p>
<p>NAME: Radiance Diagnostics ()</p> <p>Address: 1260 Iroquois Ave STE # 302, Naperville, IL 60563 Phone #: (630) 995-3722</p> <p>Hours: Mon - Fri: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Sat: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm</p>	<p>COST:</p> <p>TIME:</p>

DC Embassy → For flights departing from DFW (Dallas)

MAKE SURE to also check the DC Embassy page for the most updated list!!! (Updated on 4/16)

LOCATION/CONTACT	COST/TIME
<p>NAME: Ayass Bioscience (https://ayassbioscience.com/)</p> <p>Address: 8501 Wade Blvd. Bldg. 9, Frisco, TX 75034 Phone #: (469) 415-1600; 972-668-6005 Email: ayassbioscience@ayassbioscience.com</p> <p>Hours: 9am - 6pm</p> <p>NOTE: For the testing, <i>a car is mandatory.</i></p>	<p>COST: \$350?</p> <p>TIME: Seems like the result will be released in a few hours (since it says you have to wait until you get a text message with the results)</p> <p>SAMPLE COLLECTING INSTITUTION: Ayass Bioscience cooperates with Heal 360 Clinic Frisco for sample collecting.</p> <p>→ <i>Not sure what this means (from the embassy): Passengers can also consult Ayass Bioscience if there are other sample collecting institutions. Please make sure that the sample collecting institution is located at the departure point of the flight.</i></p>
<p>NAME: Real Time Lab (https://realtimelab.com/local-testing/)</p> <p>Address: 4100 Fairway Ct. Suite 600/620, Carrollton, Texas 75010 Phone #: (972) 492-0419 Email: Hours: Mon - Fri 8AM - 5PM</p>	<p>TIME: See below w/cost details</p> <p>COST (from the website): \$350 for Covid PCR Test + IgM/IgG Antibody Test (Same Day Turnaround) \$250 for Covid PCR Test + IgM/IgG Antibody Test (Next Day Turnaround)</p>

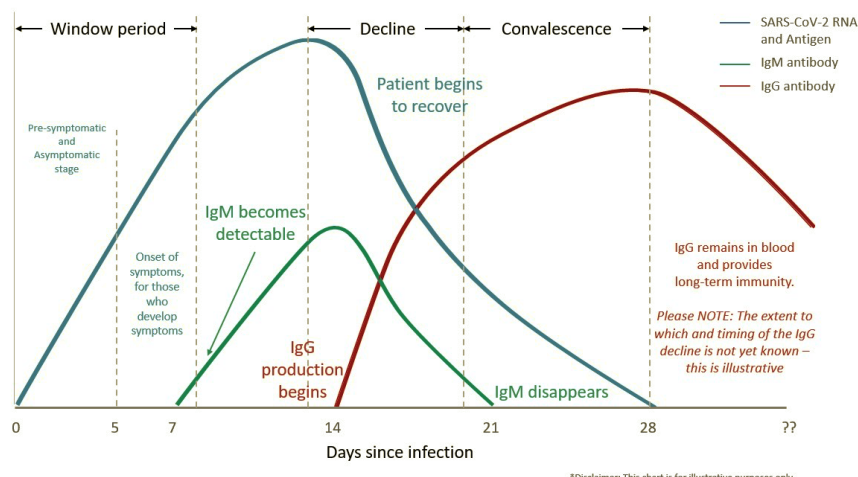
Commonly Asked Questions

1) How long will it take for my IgM results to be negative if I've had COVID in the past?

→ Anywhere between 21 - 42 days (on average). Some people have tested negative on the shorter end of that range, others have continued to test positive, even though they were on the longer end of that range.

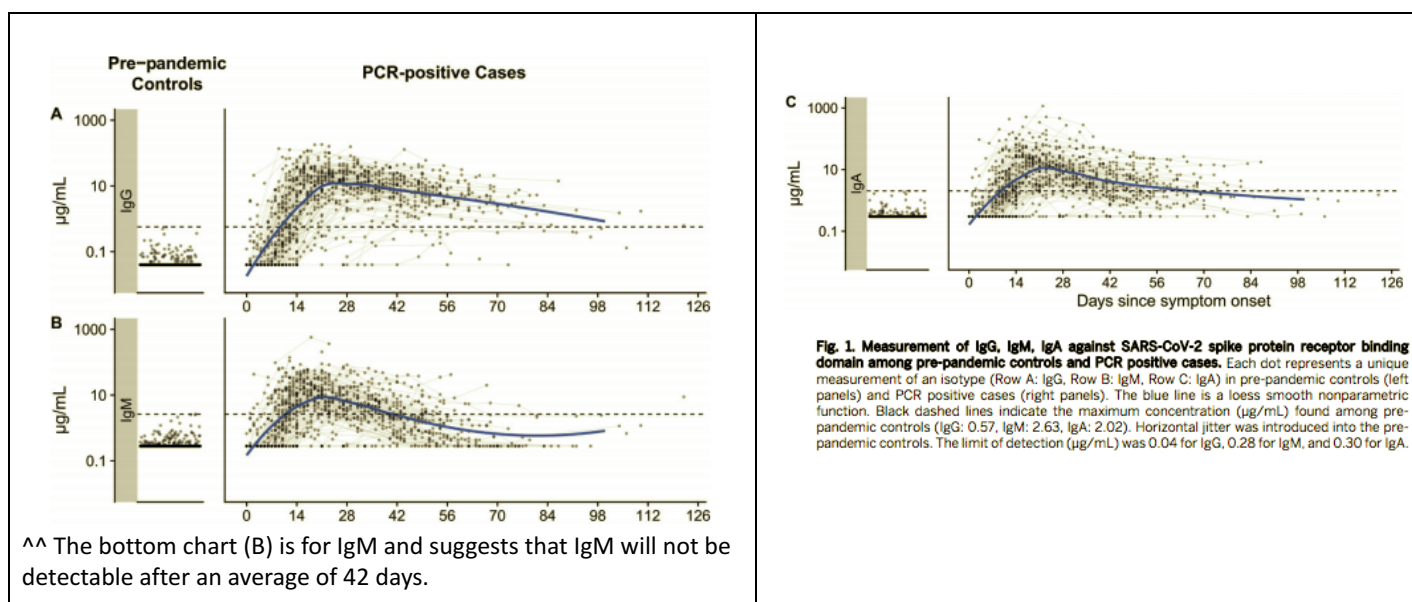
Suggesting a shorter range (21 days)

[<http://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/145161586536712080/pdf/Purpose-and-Options-for-Testing-for-SARS-Cov2-the-COVID-19-Virus-Considerations-for-World-Bank-Task-Teams-Managing-COVID-19-Fast-Track-Facility-Operations.pdf>]



Suggesting a longer range (42 days)

[Source: <https://immunology.sciencemag.org/content/5/52/eabe0367>, p.9 slight reformatting]



^^ The bottom chart (B) is for IgM and suggests that IgM will not be detectable after an average of 42 days.

2) What if I test positive for PCR or IgM Antibodies? (or What if I had COVID in the past?)

Unless you can prove that you tested positive for antibodies *due to getting vaccinated (please see the question #4)*, you **cannot fly** if you currently test positive for PCR or IgM.

If you get POSITIVE results for either PCR or IgM, your results will be reported to the consulate by your testing site and your HDC application will be locked for 14 days.

IT IS NOT ENOUGH to “just” get negative results after the 14 days. You need to satisfy *additional* testing requirements, such as getting lung scans, in order to qualify for a green health code.

You also need to get additional testing if you had COVID at any time in the past.

In general, these additional testing requirement are the same for the LA/SF/Chicago consulates, but the LA consulate has an additional pre-survey that also needs to be completed:

ADDITIONAL Testing Requirements (this step is JUST for the LA consulate)

(<http://losangeles.china-consulate.org/chn/lbyj/t1854649.htm> , 2021/04/14)

Not earlier than 1 month before departure, scan the QR code below and fill in the "Online Report Form for Passengers Going to China from Los Angeles to Infection History" online to report the infection history truthfully and accurately. (You may need wechat or QQ to fill this out.)



ADDITIONAL Testing Requirements (common to LA/SF/Chicago consulates)

Details of additional testing:

- 1) After RECOVERY, you will need to perform:
 - a) A lung examination
 - i) [*Extra requirements from the LA consulate: Needs to be carried out between one month to 14 days before the sampling date of the “dual testing” for the HDC code.*]
 - b) 2 nucleic acid tests (the sampling interval is not less than 24 hours).
 - i) [*Extra requirements from the LA consulate: The second nucleic acid test needs to be carried out 14 to 21 days before the sampling date of the “dual testing” for the HDC code.*]

Currently there are no restrictions on the testing agencies for the above tests. However the final “dual testing” for the HDC code needs to be done at the consulate-approved agencies.

- 2) Email the negative test diagnosis certificate issued by the hospital containing the lung CT or X-ray results and 2 nucleic acid tests to the respective Consulate Generals for review via email .
 - LA Consulate: 12308LA@gmail.com (<http://losangeles.china-consulate.org/chn/lbyj/t1854649.htm> , 2021/02/17)
 - SF Consulate: cnsfcon@gmail.com (<http://www.chinaconsulatesf.org/chn/zytz/t1855279.htm> , 2021/02/19)
 - NY Consulate: 12308nyhs@gmail.com (<http://newyork.china-consulate.org/chn/fwzc/zxtz/t1856410.htm> , 2021/02/24)
 - Chicago Consulate: 12308chicago@gmail.com (<http://www.chinaconsulatechicago.org/chn/zytz/t1856418.htm> , 2021/02/25)

- 3) After being reviewed by the Consulate General (they will email you back with a confirmation), continue to conduct self-isolation management and health monitoring for 14 days.
 - a) *It is not clear what the Consulate means by “health monitoring”, but it is suggested that you keep a record of your temperature taken twice a day daily (once in the morning and once in the afternoon).*

- 4) If the quarantine and monitoring conditions are normal, perform “dual testing” within 2 days before departure as required, and submit corresponding testing certificates, 14-day self-quarantine management and health status monitoring instructions, and other necessary materials for applying for a health code.

3) What if I test positive for IgG antibodies?

ADDITIONAL Testing Requirements (this requirement is currently listed JUST for the LA consulate)

(<http://losangeles.china-consulate.org/chn/lbyj/t1854649.htm> , 2021/04/13)

“Passengers who have not been vaccinated before and who have been IgG positive in the relevant tests are requested to conduct tests, quarantine management and health monitoring by themselves in accordance with the requirements of this notice.”

Please refer to the additional testing/self-quarantine requirements listed above in the “**What if I test positive for PCR or IgM Antibodies?**” section.

4) What if I've been vaccinated?

If you have been vaccinated, then currently only the LA consulate and the DC embassy has outlined specific guidance for what to do for based on whether you have been vaccinated with a Chinese vaccine or with vaccines currently available in the United States

(<http://losangeles.china-consulate.org/chn/lbyj/t1869604.htm> , 2021/04/16)

(<http://www.china-embassy.org/chn/lzsj/zytz/t1869583.htm> , 2021/04/16)

IF you got any of the...

1) Chinese Vaccines (Inactivated Vaccines):


- If PCR test is negative, then even if the IgM antibody test is positive, you can apply for a health code normally.
- Download the Vaccination Statement, fill it in and sign by hand (<http://losangeles.china-consulate.org/chn/lbyj/P020210410019285039607.pdf> , also included in the [Appendix](#))
- **Make sure to upload these additional documents with your health code application:**
 - Vaccination Statement (referenced above)
 - Testing results
 - Vaccination certificate
 - (As well as all other documents detailed in the next section: "Getting Authentication of Test Results (HDC Code)")

2) Non-Inactivated Vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna, J&J):

- **NOTE:** You must have completed the prescribed number of vaccinations for the specific vaccine BEFORE arranging travel to China. According to requirements, two doses of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are required, and one dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccines.
- When getting your samples taken for the test:
 - 1) Fill in your vaccination status in the "Health Status Declaration" (should be available in the testing clinics; also in the [Appendix](#) for your reference)
 - 2) **Show the vaccination certificate to the sampling personnel**, and
 - 3) Agree to the testing agency to automatically add N when IgM is positive protein. If you test positive for the IgM antibody, and you have been vaccinated with any of the above mentioned vaccines, the testing agency will automatically add an N protein test (without additional sampling), and display the test results in the test report.
(Please note that one of the labs authorized by the LA Consulate DOES NOT have the option to do this. Also, neither the list of labs provided by the DC embassy nor the website of the labs indicate any reference to the N protein test.)

- If your PCR is negative and the IgM result is NEGATIVE (even if you've been vaccinated), then just apply as usual.
- If your PCR is negative and the IgM result is positive, download the Vaccination Statement, fill it in and sign by hand (<http://losangeles.china-consulate.org/chn/lbyj/P020210410019285039607.pdf>), also included in the [Appendix](#))
 - **THEN, make sure to upload these additional documents with your health code application:**
 - Vaccination Statement (referenced above)
 - Testing results (which should include the N protein test report)
 - Vaccination certificate (should include necessary information to help determine personal identity, determine the type of vaccine and the status of vaccination.)
 - (As well as all other documents detailed in the next section: "Getting Authentication of Test Results (HDC Code)")

As of now, it seems that the "vaccination certificate" they refer to is the "vaccination card" provided by the CDC at the time of your vaccination.

COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card 

Please keep this record card, which includes medical information about the vaccines you have received.

Por favor, guarde esta tarjeta de registro, que incluye información médica sobre las vacunas que ha recibido.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Date of birth _____ Patient number (medical record or IIS record number) _____

Vaccine	Product Name/Manufacturer Lot Number	Date	Healthcare Professional or Clinic Site
1 st Dose COVID-19		mm / dd / yy	
2 nd Dose COVID-19		mm / dd / yy	
Other		mm / dd / yy	
Other		mm / dd / yy	

3) GETTING AUTHENTICATION OF TESTING RESULTS (HDC Code)

OVERVIEW of Process

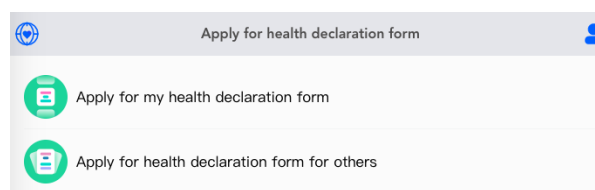
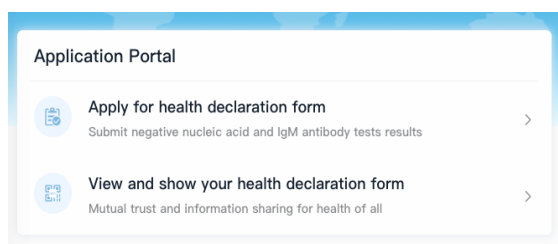
- 1) Sign up for an account on the website <https://hrhk.cs.mfa.gov.cn/H5/> (can do ahead of time)
- 2) Upload/Fill in requested information
- 3) Wait for the QR code to turn green

Check out this PDF also for a more detailed explanation

(<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1F11KREynok5zB7Wp-WAouDoOQn66-jRA/view?usp=sharing>)

1) Sign up for an account on the website <https://hrhk.cs.mfa.gov.cn/H5/> (can do ahead of time)

- a. You will have to create an account with an email address
- b. Once you have an account, log in and click on “Apply for Health Declaration Form” You can apply for several people under the same account.
- c. If you are having trouble, try the following troubleshooting techniques:
 - i. **Make sure that your email is all lower-caps**
 - ii. DON'T add a symbol in your password (even though it asks you for one)
 - Try “HealthCode2020” as your password
 - iii. Use Safari, not Chrome as your browser



2) Upload/Fill in requested information

- Your name
- Photo of your passport photo page
- Photos of Chinese visa or residence permit
- Mobile Phone Number (**your US phone number is fine**)
- Flight Information: *When they ask you for “your flight number to China” and “the departure date of your flight to China” This is the flight number/date of the FLIGHT LEG from the UNITED STATES TO CHINA. Do not enter your domestic legs.*
- Test results (both nucleic acid & antibody) [size of one picture cannot exceed 10M]
 - **Files need to be JPG files not PDF!**
 - **Note:** Once you pick a location for your nucleic acid, your choices for the serum test will be limited to the states covered by the SAME consular agency.
 - **Note:** You are choosing the location WHERE YOU TESTED (this is not necessarily the same as where you got your visa)
- Information about your vaccination history

→ For now, the place where you upload the Test Results is where you ALSO upload the following (in general order of importance):

- 1) [REQUIRED: RT-PCR TEST RESULTS]
- 2) [REQUIRED: IgM TEST RESULTS]
- 3) REQUIRED: Your flight itinerary
- 4) Test appointment and/or Test invoice

May no longer be necessary (at least in SF or LA):

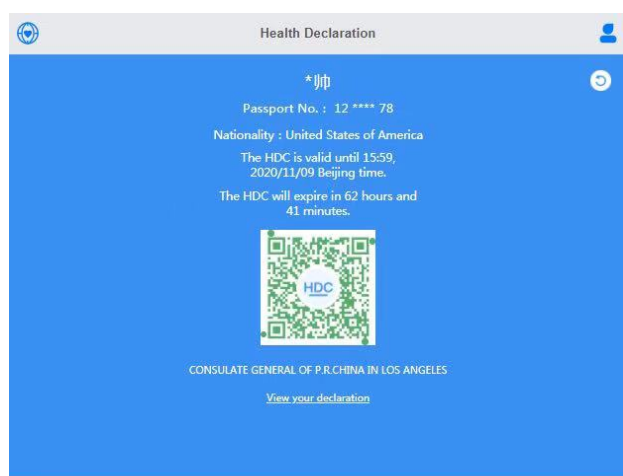
- 5) Photo of you getting blood taken for the IgM test (optional: holding passport)
- 6) Photo of you getting nasal swabbed for the RT-PCR test (optional: holding passport)
- 7) Photo of you at the clinic door (optional: holding passport)

*Please upload pictures of the nucleic acid test certificate and serum IgM antibody test report

Or other pictures required (The size of one picture cannot exceed 10M.)



3) Wait for the QR code to turn green



- Green: You are eligible to board the flight. Please take note of the validity date of your HDC and make sure to board within the validity period. Please have your HDC ready for pre-boarding screening by the airlines.
- Red: Your HDC did not pass verification due to the following reasons:
 - i) your test result being positive;
 - ii) your test certificate being issued earlier than the required period before boarding;
 - iii) your test not being taken at a designated or recognized institution;
 - iv) other problems with your test certificate.
- Gray: Your HDC has expired. Please resubmit your Health Declaration Form and test certificate within the required period before boarding.
- Yellow: You have submitted your Health Declaration Form and test certificate. Please wait for verification.

Department of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PRC.

- After you press submit, you will receive a QR code. The QR Code will be Orange.
- **They will NOT contact you when you have been approved, so you need to keep checking on your own to see if it turns Green (Approved!) or Red (Denied).**
- Once your QR Code is approved, it will expire at the end of the day (11:59pm), 2 days after the testing date.
- **The QR CODE is valid for 2 days (48 hours) after the DAY that you get tested (NOT when you submit your application or when you get approved for the health code).**
 - So you should apply for your health code ASAP after getting your test results. Do not wait.

Commonly Asked Questions

- 1) Can one family sign up under one account?
→ Yes, everybody's results can be uploaded under one account. When you go back to the Homepage, there is a place to add additional people.

- 5) How long does it take for things to be authenticated?
→ Anywhere from 10 minutes to a couple of hours. If it is taking over 3 or 4 hours, it is likely that there was a problem with your application.
 - LA Consulate has stated that they will verify results within 12 hours (<http://losangeles.china-consulate.org/eng/lghd/t1844902.htm>)

- 6) Do I need a Chinese cell phone number?
→ You can use your US cell phone number for the Health Code.

- 7) If there was a problem with the application, can I resubmit my materials?
→ Yes. People have resubmitted 4-5 times in a row (and rejected 4 times in a row) and then been approved in the end. Assuming that the error was a clerical one (as opposed to a problem with the sampling methods), they will not hold your mistake against you.

4) LAST STEPS BEFORE THE PLANE

Documents to bring to the airport

- 1) PRINT copies of your test results
- 2) PRINT the QR code (in color)

OTHER:

Especially if you are traveling as a family or do not speak Chinese, it may help to have the following information consolidated for all members of your family:

NAME #1:
Date of Birth:
Passport #:
Expiration Date (Passport):
Visa #:
Flight #:
Seat #:
Address in your final destination (in Chinese preferably):
Local Contact Name & Phone Number:

At the airport...

You will be asked to fill out the **Pocket Customs Form**. You cannot fill this out until you know your seat number, so it's not anything you can do ahead of time.

(NOTE: Some airports apparently *will* ask you to fill this in before check-in and to put in a random seat number... but don't do it too soon, because it will expire after 24 hours.)



(<http://health.customsapp.com/>)

If you can't scan this QR code, just ask somebody in the chat to share it with you.

You can add MULTIPLE family members to ONE account.

Commonly Asked Questions

- 1) If my flight is delayed, is my Health Code still valid?
→ If your HDF/HDC is valid through the scheduled flight time, the airline will allow you to board.
- 2) Do I need a Chinese cellphone number?
→ You do not need a Chinese Phone number to GET to China. You can use your US cellphone number for the Customs form (and for the Health Code)
→ However, once you are there (even in quarantine), it can be helpful to have a Chinese cellphone number. You can contact Nihao Mobile (search for them in the official wechat accounts) and they can help you get a new Chinese phone number even in quarantine.
- 3) Will I need internet??
ESPECIALLY if your Chinese number has expired, I strongly recommend buying the following off Amazon before you go. (You may want to stock up on a few of the SIM cards.)

These SIM cards allow you to access sites usually blocked by the Firewall (e.g. Google or Netflix)! You can also order more on Taobao once you are in quarantine.



The Greatest China 30-Day Data SIM

★★★★★ ~ 220

\$18⁵⁰

✓prime FREE One-Day

Get it Tomorrow, Mar 3

More Buying Choices

\$18.49 (6 new offers)



Huawei E5577s-321 Unlocked 150 Mbps 4G LTE Mobile WiFi Hotspot (4G LTE in Europe, Asia, Middle East, Africa & 3G globally) Unlocked/OEM/ORIGINAL from Huawei WITHOUT CARRIER...

★★★★★ ~ 368

\$93⁴⁹

✓prime FREE Delivery Thu, Mar 4

Only 3 left in stock - order soon.

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\$89.00 (4 used & new offers)

5) Once in China...

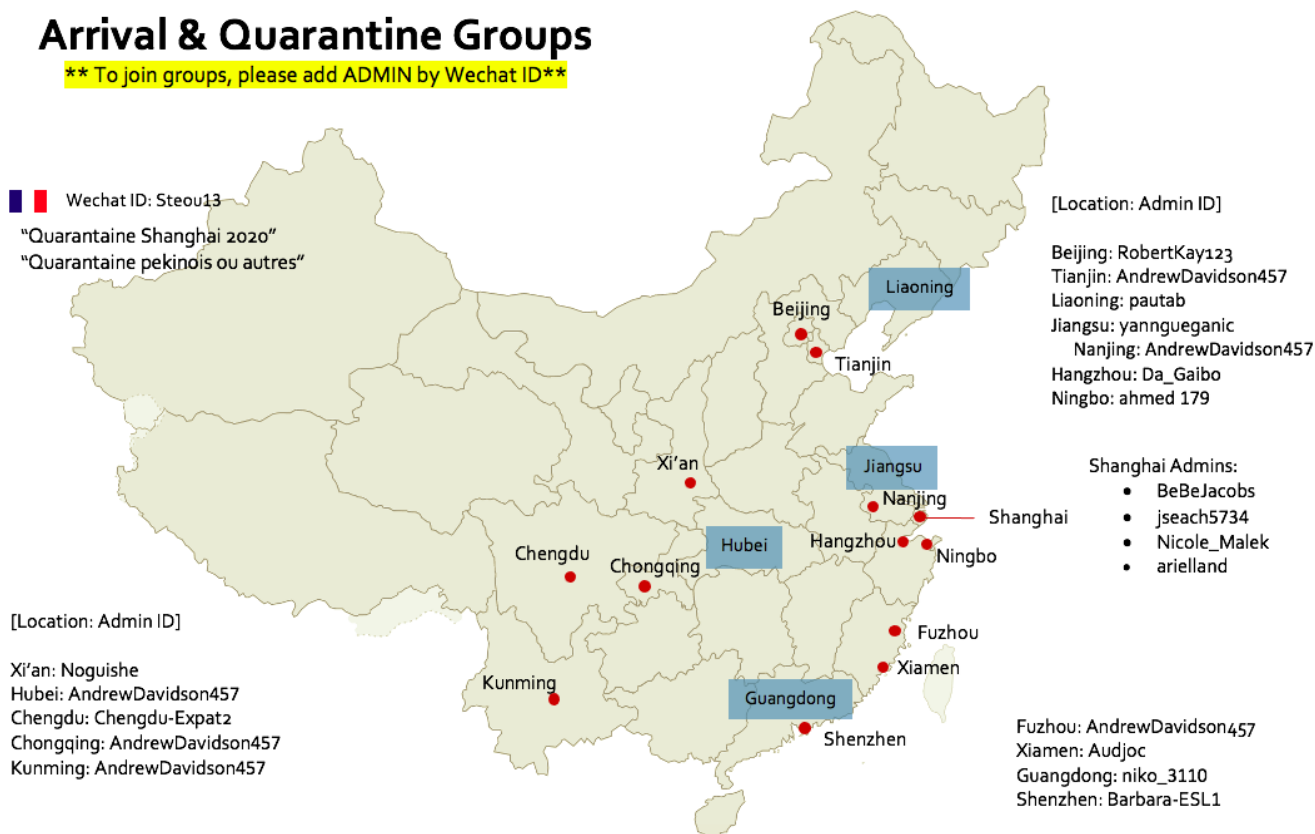
Congratulations, you've made it!

If you need more support once you are back in China, here are some more resources:

ARRIVAL & QUARANTINE GROUPS WITHIN CHINA (updated 4/18)

Arrival & Quarantine Groups

**** To join groups, please add ADMIN by Wechat ID****



COVID HOTLINES FOR FOREIGNERS IN CHINA

(Source: <https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/p1PpJ8fl1pCBv9eHjHz73g>)



ENGLISH GOVERNMENT
THE STATE COUNCIL
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Hotlines for foreigners amid novel coronavirus outbreak ▶



North China

☎ **Beijing:** [010-12345](tel:010-12345) [010-55574000](tel:010-55574000)

☎ **Tianjin:** [022-58368675](tel:022-58368675)

☎ **Hebei:** [0311-12320](tel:0311-12320) [0311-87807316](tel:0311-87807316)

☎ **Shanxi:** [0351-4048572](tel:0351-4048572)

☎ **Inner Mongolia:** [0471-4824768](tel:0471-4824768)

Northeast China

☎ **Liaoning:** [18304006378](tel:18304006378)

☎ **Jilin:** Sun Xiaoyu [13596479838](tel:13596479838)

☎ **Heilongjiang:** [0451-53642647](tel:0451-53642647) [13836168987](tel:13836168987)

East China

☎ **Shanghai:** [021-12345](tel:021-12345)

☎ **Jiangsu:** [18915991982](tel:18915991982)

☎ **Zhejiang:** [13968133909](tel:13968133909)

☎ **Anhui:** [0551-62703790](tel:0551-62703790) [18905696606](tel:18905696606)
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☎ **Fujian:** [0591-87853640](tel:0591-87853640)

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EMOTIONAL SUPPORT HOTLINE

Finally, if you are having difficulties during quarantine (or later) and would like somebody to talk to, here is a resource for that as well:





Need to talk? Call us toll free at **400 821 1215** or you can send us a text via WeChat (ID: **LifelineConnect**) or our website **www.lifelinechina.org**.

Lifeline provides free, confidential and anonymous support. 365 days a year, 10am-10pm

HEALTH CODES FOR MAJOR CITIES IN CHINA

You will NOT need to worry about getting a **DOMESTIC** “green health code” (different from the Green Health Code needed to go from the US to China) until you are OUT OF QUARANTINE.

This page has codes for basically every city/region in China:

<https://chengdu-expat.com/health-code-guidelines-for-chinas-major-cities/>

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A CHINESE PHONE NUMBER (and thus can't register for any of these apps)??

If you only have your US phone number, it is possible to still get a Health Code through the “Health Code Traveler Version”.

Most major cities will also accept this:

(Again, if you do not have a Chinese phone number anymore and you don't have a quick way to get one, it is suggested that you get one from Nihao Mobile - even temporarily - since many things require having a mobile phone number in China.)



APPENDIX: Contact options for Air China, China Southern, Xiamen to get refunds with a positive test certificate

If you are not able to board your flight because of a positive test result (i.e. your HDC account is locked for 14 days and you are unable to apply for a green code), you can apparently get a refund if you booked through Air China, China Southern or Xiamen Air. (This is information from the LA Consulate: <http://losangeles.china-consulate.org/chn/lbyj/t1841419.htm>, 2020/03/03)

1. Air China: You can call the Air China call center 95583 , or contact the ticket issuing agent, and apply for free rescheduling or full refund with a positive test certificate. Online channels are not currently supported.
2. China Southern Airlines: The confirmed passenger is requested to provide a positive test certificate and apply for a refund through the original ticketing channel before the flight takes off. After review, a free refund can be processed. Passengers can also contact China Southern Airlines Customer Service Center +86-4008695539 or contact China Southern Airlines Los Angeles Sales Department (Tel: 1-888-338-8988 , or E-mail: czsupport@csair.us) for consultation.
3. Xiamen Airlines: After providing the proof, you can find the original ticketing place to apply. Passengers can also call the customer service center at +1 8446295557 or email to Xiamen Airlines' Los Angeles office: lax@xiamenair.com . The office will provide assistance.

Please note that the specific method and the right to interpret individual cases belong to the carrier airline.

APPENDIX: CONTACT options for the embassy/consulates

CONTACT EMAILS for the embassies - specifically for Health Codes (and visa questions in general):

- i. Embassy in the United States: embchn@gmail.com
(temporarily taken over the work of the Consulate-General in Houston)
(Other emails - not necessarily for the health code: visaoffice.dc@gmail.com
chinaembpress_us@mfa.gov.cn)
 - (202) 855-1555 (接听时间: 周一至周五9:30-12:00, 节假日除外)
 - (202) 790-8746 (接听时间: 周一至周五14:00-16:30, 节假日除外)
- ii. Consulate General in New York: cnyhdf@gmail.com
 - Passport and Visa Office Hotline Service: 212-868-2078 & 212-244-9498
 - **Urgent Calls: (212) 244-9392 → Urgent extension 1000**
- iii. Consulate General in San Francisco: health.sfconsulate@gmail.com
- iv. Consulate General in Los Angeles: +1(213)807-8052 or write to 12308LA@gmail.com

- The working hours of the consulate general in Los Angeles are from 9:00 a.m.to10:00p.m.Western time(including weekends and holidays).

v. Consulate General in Chicago: 12308chicago@gmail.com

(Other emails - not necessarily for the health code: chineseconsulgeneral.chicago@gmail.com)

China consular support wechat page. There is a link to a helpline that you can call.



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APPENDIX: Health Status Declaration Form required at the testing clinics

These forms are available in paper form at the testing clinics. It is NOT required to fill it out ahead of time. It is provided solely here for your reference:

赴华旅客健康状况申报书

本人，姓名：_____，护照号：_____，
将在未来 2 天内前往中国，现按中国防疫要求进行新冠病毒核酸、血清特异 IgM 抗体检测（“双检测”）。本人现如实回答以下问题，以申报本人健康状况：

1、是否被医疗机构确诊为新冠肺炎或疑似病例？	<input type="checkbox"/> 是 <input type="checkbox"/> 否
2、在过去 14 日内，是否出现发烧、咳嗽、头痛、咽痛、气促、呼吸困难、胸闷、结膜充血、腹泻或其它症状？	<input type="checkbox"/> 是 <input type="checkbox"/> 否
3、过去 14 日内，所在办公室或住所，是否有人确诊为新冠肺炎，或出现第 2 条所列症状？	<input type="checkbox"/> 是 <input type="checkbox"/> 否
4、过去 72 小时内，是否有服用退烧药、感冒药等药品？	<input type="checkbox"/> 是 <input type="checkbox"/> 否
5、在过去 14 日内，是否进行过核酸或 IgM 检测，而其中一项或两项结果为阳性？	<input type="checkbox"/> 是 <input type="checkbox"/> 否
6、你在采样机构现场测量体温是多少摄氏度？	

本人声明，本人系亲自到指定采样机构采样，保证以上信息属实，并愿意承担由此引起的一切责任。

Health Declaration Form

I, name: _____, passport number: _____ will travel to China within the next 2 days and am taking Covid-19 RT-PCR and IgM-Serology test according to epidemic prevention requirements of China. I hereby answer the following questions truthfully to declare my health conditions:

1. Have you been diagnosed or suspected COVID-19 by a medical institution?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. In the past 14 days, have you experienced fever, sputum expectoration, headache, sore throat, shortness of breath, dyspnea, chest tightness, conjunctival congestion, diarrhea or any other symptoms?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. In the past 14 days, in your office or residence, is there anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or showing the symptoms listed above in item 2?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4. Have you taken any anti-fever medicines, cold medicines, etc. in the past 72 hours?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5. In the past 14 days, have you taken a COVID-19 RT-PCR or COVID-19 IgM-Serology test and one of its result is positive?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6. What Celsius degrees is your body temperature measured at the sampling facility site?	

I declare that I personally come to this designated institute for covid-19 sampling, all statements above are true and correct and will bear all the responsibilities arising therefrom.

APPENDIX: Vaccination Statement (currently just for DC embassy & LA consulate)

(<http://www.china-embassy.org/chn/laszj/zytz/P020210417228957935316.pdf>)

疫苗接种声明书

本人，姓名：_____，护照号：_____，拟于近期前往中国，现就本人接种疫苗情况声明如下：

一、本人曾接种新冠疫苗，有关接种详情如下：

疫苗名称	
接种机构名称	
接种机构地址	
接种机构联系方式 (电话、电邮)	
第一剂接种日期	年 月 日
第二剂接种日期	年 月 日

二、本人随声明书所附疫苗接种证明（接种卡、医生证明）真实无误。

三、本人在接种前未被确诊感染新冠肺炎，核酸或 IgM 抗体检测任一项没有呈阳性的情况，接种后无核酸检测阳性情况。

本人保证以上所有声明内容真实，并愿意承担由此引起的一切责任，包括但不限于因虚报、瞒报而导致的一段时间内赴华旅行受限等后果。

声明人（签名）：

日 期： 年 月 日

请如实填报、手写签名后连同本人检测报告、接种证明等一并上传申请健康码

APPENDIX: LETTERS OF URGENCY (Suggested Details/Samples)

This is a letter from your work that indicates that you are “urgently” needed back in China and that you are an “essential” worker. (Try to use those words!!) This is because people returning for “non-necessary” and “non-urgent” reasons may have their HDC code denied. This is *potentially* different from the PU letter or the invitation letter your employer might have written to help you get your visa (though you are welcome to also use the same one, if you feel it has the necessary details).

If you have a child, it may help to have a letter from their school indicating that it is necessary/urgent for them to come back to school.

Please note that the following is provided as guidance for the type of language or details that might be used in a letter of urgency. **Please make sure that the letter you provide to the embassy accurately reflects your experience and situation. (i.e. Don't let your HR add fake details just because it's suggested on this list.)**

Letter for an educator: Written on school letterhead

Suggested details to include in a “Letter of Urgency” - *some of these details may not be applicable to your particular situation. However, if you are working in an established institution whose work benefits Chinese students (preferably high school or college/university), it is probably more likely that you will get a green code.*

- 1) Details about your employer/educational institution:
 - a) Name of Chinese institution
 - b) Year the institution was founded
 - c) Type of institution (partnership with who; training/trade, etc.)
 - d) MOE license number
 - e) Purpose of school
 - f) Methods of recruitment
 - g) Teaching methods and results
 - h) Number of student enrollment in the institution

- 2) Details about YOU and your contributions to the educational institution:
 - a) Name of teacher, Nationality and Passport number
 - b) Length of employment
 - c) Teacher's documentation, (visa #, RP #, work permit #)
 - d) “Objective” contributions to the institution/China:
 - i) e.g. # of courses taught, # of sections taught, how many students per course, total number of students the teacher is responsible for, etc.
 - ii) Any awards or special recognition you may have earned during your time there; especially if that honor was granted by a Chinese committee
 - iii) If you are the sole educator for a particular subject or a particular group of students, that may be helpful to mention.
 - iv) Again, it is helpful to note if you are teaching upper high school or college students.

- e) “Subjective” contributions to the institution:
 - i) Comments that describe how close you are with the students, parents, etc.
 - ii) Comments that describe how important you are to the organization, etc.

3) Details about why you left and why you need to be back IN PERSON, NOW (MOST IMPORTANT)

- a) Reason for leaving China (if at all possible, frame it in a way that suggests that it was involuntary or unplanned; they are not looking kindly on people who left even though they “didn’t have to”)
 - b) Anticipated (hoped for) date of return
 - c) Explicit reasons why it is URGENT that you return IN PERSON. (Since many educational classes are happening online, you may need to make a case for why you need to be in China *in person*.) One idea is to provide a timeline (with dates) of the meetings/actions you need to be present for that are “necessary” to the well-functioning of the institution/directly affect the learning of the students, etc.
 - d) DEFINITELY use words like “urgent” and “necessary” and “essential” in your description!
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Letter for a corporate employee: Written on company letterhead

Suggested details to include in a “Letter of Urgency” - *some of these details may not be applicable to your particular situation. However, the larger the economic impact that your company has to China’s economy, the more likely it is that you will be granted a green health code.*

(Many of these details are similar to ones for educators above.)

- 1) Details about your employer:
 - a) Name of employer
 - b) The industry that your company operates in
 - e) Any significant partnerships, trade relationships, etc.
 - f) Who the customers are
 - g) Where they are based/operate
 - h) The economic benefits/impact to China’s economy
- 2) Details about YOU and your contributions to the company:
 - i) Your name, Nationality and Passport number
 - j) Length of employment; your department
 - k) Your documentation, (visa #, RP #, work permit #)
 - l) “Objective” contributions to the company/China:
 - i) What tasks/roles are you responsible for?
 - ii) Any awards or special recognition you may have earned during your time there; especially if that honor was granted by a Chinese committee
 - iii) If you are the sole person responsible for a key element of a project, that may be helpful to mention.

- m) "Subjective" contributions to the company:
 - i) Comments that describe how close you are with the customers
 - ii) Comments that describe how important you are to the organization, etc.

3) Details about why you left and why you need to be back IN PERSON, NOW (MOST IMPORTANT)

- a) Reason for leaving China (if at all possible, frame it in a way that suggests that it was involuntary or unplanned; they are not looking kindly on people who left even though they "didn't have to")
- b) Anticipated (hoped for) date of return
- c) Explicit reasons why it is URGENT that you return IN PERSON. One idea is to provide a timeline (with dates) of the meetings/actions you need to be present for that are "necessary" to the running of the organization or for upcoming events that are crucial to China.
- d) DEFINITELY use words like "urgent" and "necessary" and "essential" in your description!

Finally, the letter included below is the skeleton of a letter that was successfully accepted by the embassy.

Again - please DO NOT COPY the letter verbatim.

→ Many of you may want to forward this example to your HR to give them an example of what a letter of urgency might look like... If every HR department submits a letter that looks exactly like this, then it will obviously lose its efficacy with the embassy. It is also YOUR responsibility to make sure that the final product will be something that will help you get back to China.

Dear Embassy:

"COMPANY". has hired "NAME" ("PASSPORT NUMBER, GENDER, NATIONALITY, AGE, DATE OF BIRTH") as the company's "JOB TITLE". "NAME" has worked in our company for # years and has hosted a number of activities for the company which has played a vital role in the company's development and growth. "NAME" is an indispensable and necessary member of "COMPANY & DEPARTMENT". "NAME" has rich experience and long-term good cooperation relationship with customers. We need and request him to be the main person in charge of the events. Our "COMPANY" is now at a critical stage of preparation for "LIST OF EVENTS" We urgently need "NAME" to return to China to start work immediately. Please be sure to approve its entry.

Sincerely salute,

"COMPANY NAME"

"DATE"

Stamped by company stamp

APPENDIX: Possibilities for travel with regards to your visa/RP status (for both Chinese & foreign citizens)

From the LA consulate (<http://losangeles.china-consulate.org/chn/tzgg/P020210331859967471751.pdf>)

疫情期间赴华人员旅行证件及“双检测”要求一览表

制表日期：2021年3月30日

国籍	适用情形		证件 (适用于居住在驻洛杉矶总领馆领区人员)		赴华“双检测” (适用于从洛杉矶搭乘直达航班离境赴华人员)	
			办证要求	网址二维码		
中国公民	持有效中国护照、旅行证,或持有效“回乡证”、“台胞证”者		无需申办,证件在入境当日有效即可		直接“双检测”	
	护照、旅行证过期或将到期者	如有紧急、人道、现实需要	请扫描二维码,浏览“疫情期间护照/旅行证办证须知”			
		如无紧急、人道、现实需要	建议推迟办理,因疫情过期并不影响今后办理			
外国公民	持有效外国人永久居民身份证者		持永久居民身份证入境,无需申办签证		直接“双检测”	
	持有效工作、私人、团聚类居留许可者		无需另行申办签证,但请扫描二维码,浏览预审核须知		 预审确认后,再“双检测”	
	因紧急、人道或复工复产事由,在2020年3月26日后申请获得签证、且仍有效者		无需另行申办签证		直接“双检测”	
	非以上情况,而因紧急、人道或复工复产原因确需赴华者		请扫描二维码,浏览“疫情期间签证安排”。		 申请获得签证后,再“双检测”	
	非紧急、人道或复工复产原因		建议推迟申请签证,推迟赴华旅行			

APPENDIX: More info about vaccinations and testing for health codes

If you have already been vaccinated, then it is recommended that you do some research on the antibody test used by your chosen testing site. According to an infectious diseases expert who was part of our group previously (and returned successfully after getting the Pfizer vaccine), the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are mRNA vaccines, which creates antibodies against the “spike” (S) protein. **Therefore, you want to look for tests that look for antibodies to the N protein (produced during the natural infection but not by mRNA vaccine) and not the S (spike) protein (produced by both natural infection and the mRNA vaccine.)** You can presumably look for this information if you look up the test and look at the FDA EUA documents for the test.

Here is further information about this from the Diagnostics Apostle Labs (one of the approved labs for SF) which explains this further:

(https://www.apostledx.com/index.php?route=information/information&information_id=15)

2.1. (Only for customers flying to China) *What is the difference between S protein antibody and N protein antibody? If I plan to travel to China, how do I choose antibody testing after vaccination with different types of vaccines such as the US COVID-19 vaccine and China's COVID-19 vaccine?*

S protein (Spike protein) and N protein (Nucleocapsid protein) are both components of the new coronavirus. As antigens, both can produce antibodies against S protein or N protein, so that they can also be detected by the respective antibody detection kits. The vaccines (**Moderna, Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson**) currently on the market in the United States are all against S protein. Therefore, if they are tested with a kit for **S protein antibodies, they will be positive**; and if they are tested with a test kit for **N protein antibodies, it will be negative**. The vaccines in **China (Sinopharm, Kexing)** include both S protein and N protein. Therefore, no matter the test kits used (against S protein antibody or N protein antibody), they will **all be positive**.

The main purpose of the test is to detect the SARS-CoV-2 infection as accurately as possible. If you have been infected with the coronavirus, both S antibody and N antibody are positive. If you have **been vaccinated** with the US S-targeting vaccine (Moderna, Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson), but have **not been infected**, the **S antibody is positive** and the **N antibody is negative**. Therefore, the detection of the N antibody may help to distinguish between vaccines and infections. If you have been vaccinated with the US S-targeting vaccine (Moderna, Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson), you can consider using the N protein antibody test kit to help distinguish between vaccines and infections.