

Coronavirus (COVID-19) FAQs for Magnet Medical Travelers

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Q: I have traveled internationally or in high-risk areas in the past 30 days. Can I still work my assignment?

A: You will be required to fill out a screening questionnaire prior to your assignment start. We will review your history, discuss your circumstances with the hiring facility, and provide further guidance. If you visited one of the high-risk locations, you will be asked to self-quarantine for 14 days and if necessary, we will delay your start date.

Q: What is this screening questionnaire that I have been requested to fill out?

A: The screening questionnaire is being required for all travelers starting an assignment on or after March 16. It is due prior to your start date. This helps ensure you can start your assignment as planned and allows us to provide accurate information to the healthcare facility. Please note that if anything changes from your original screening questionnaire before you start your assignment, you will need to notify us of those changes.

Q: Should I avoid international travel before my next assignment?

A: You should avoid high-risk locations. Some healthcare facilities are delaying start dates for any travel outside of the United States or within other high-risk areas within the 30 days prior to a start date. The CDC is currently recommending deferring all cruise ship travel worldwide, especially for those with underlying health issues.

Q: Do I need to get tested for coronavirus (COVID-19) prior to starting my assignment?

A: No, unless you are showing symptoms, or the facility requires testing.

Q: What if I am uncomfortable flying right now?

A: We understand and will not require you to fly. However, airlines are taking precautions to make it safe (here are the plans in place with Delta, American, and United). If you prefer, we can discuss securing a rental car to get you to your assignment location.

Q: How do I protect myself while on assignment?

A: Most healthcare facilities have safety protocols that you are encouraged to follow. Please ask for these at the start of your assignment. There are also many resources on the CDC website, including this document about how to protect yourself, and these frequently asked questions.

Q: What if I get to my assignment and am put into quarantine or become infected? Will I get paid and will my accommodations be covered?

A: If you unfortunately become quarantined or infected while on assignment, Magnet Medical will pay you during these 14 days.

Q: Who do I call if I have additional questions about my assignment or my travel?

A: Should you have concerns about your assignment or how the facility is handling coronavirus (COVID-19), please contact your consultant or recruiter. They will be your main contact prior to or during assignments.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

[How it spreads](#)

[Risk Assessment and Public Health Management of Healthcare Personnel with Potential Exposure in a Healthcare Setting](#)

[Directories of Local Health Departments by State](#)

[WHO Q & A](#)

[After hours and On-Call Directory of Health Departments and Epidemiologists](#)

[Information for Pregnant Women, Children, and Breastfeeding Mothers](#)

[Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations in Healthcare Settings \(PPE\)](#)