

# Costa Rica: Government announces entry authorization for six more states of the United States of America

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On August 27, 2020, the Government of Costa Rica announced the authorization of entry for six more states of the United States. As of September 1, in addition to residents of New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, and Connecticut, residents of the following states will also be authorized to enter:

- Maryland
- Virginia
- District of Columbia

In addition, as of September 15, residents of the following states will be authorized to enter:

- Pennsylvania
- Massachusetts
- Colorado

The entry of travelers to Costa Rica from these states will have several mandatory requirements:

- Demonstrating, with a driver's license or State ID, that the traveler resides in one of the permitted states.
- Showing a negative result of the COVID-19 test, obtained in the 72 hours prior to the trip.
- Completing an epidemiological digital form that the Costa Rican Social Security Administration (CCSS) will provide, available in different languages.
- Obtaining travel insurance that covers quarantine accommodation and medical expenses for acute illness.

If a traveler does not meet these requirements, they will not be able to travel to Costa Rica.

Private flights from the United States will be allowed and must meet the aforementioned requirements. If the travelers arrive from an unauthorized state or country, each case will be analyzed via an exception mechanism, on a case-by-case basis.

Private yachts may also enter the country. If the travelers do not bring the negative PCR test with them, or if they set sail from a city or country that has not been authorized until now, they will receive a quarantine health order counted as of the day when they set sea. These days will be deducted from the last departure that is registered in the yacht's logbook.

Land borders will continue to be closed.

The Employment and Labor, and Immigration practice of Dentons Muñoz Costa Rica offers legal advice relating to:

- Legislation review to determine the extension of air borders for residents of more states of the United States.
- Drafting of legal opinions on immigration topics.
- Practical and strategic tips to prevent future legal issues.

To obtain legal advice on Costa Rican Employment and Labor, Human Resources, and Immigration Law, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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