

CDC's Division of Global Migration and Quarantine



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Quarantine and Border Health

Who We Are

The Division of Global Migration and Quarantine's Quarantine and Border Health Services Branch works 24/7 to safeguard the United States from foreign and domestic public health threats. We are public health advisors, scientists, doctors, nurses, veterinarians, data experts, educators, communicators, and emergency responders. Our public health officers help protect more than **360 million** travelers who arrive at U.S. ports of entry by land, air, and sea each year—nearly **1 million** per day.

Where We Work

CDC Quarantine Stations are located at 20 U.S. ports of entry where most international travelers arrive, and they cover all 300-plus U.S. ports of entry.

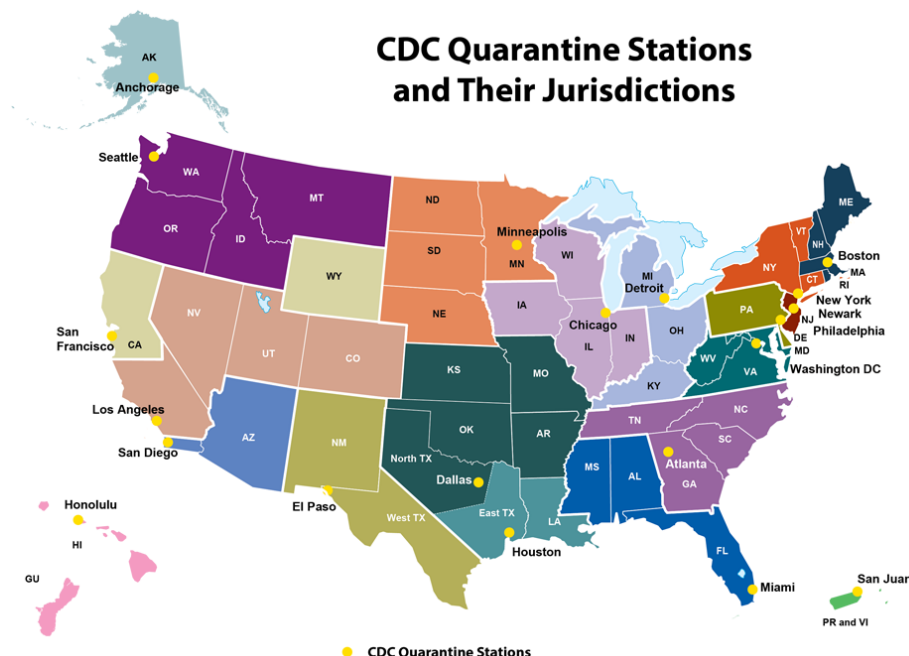
What We Do

Our mission is to protect the public's health at U.S. borders.

We do this through:

- Preparing for response to contagious diseases at U.S. ports of entry
- Strengthening domestic and international partnerships to slow the importation and spread of diseases at U.S. ports of entry
- Responding to urgent travel-related public health emergencies
- Enforcing public health policy and regulations on the importation of animals and products that may carry diseases and infect people
- Contributing to scientific evidence that informs public health policy and recommendations to reduce the spread of diseases through international travel

CDC Quarantine Stations and Their Jurisdictions



● CDC Quarantine Stations

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| Anchorage | Miami |
| Atlanta | Minneapolis |
| Boston | New York |
| Chicago | Newark |
| Dallas | Philadelphia |
| Detroit | San Diego |
| El Paso | San Francisco |
| Honolulu | San Juan |
| Houston | Seattle |
| Los Angeles | Washington, DC |

Program Impact

Disease is just a flight away. It's our job to make sure one sick traveler doesn't become 100 sick people in the traveler's destination community.



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Supporting U.S. Government Responses

We partner with federal agencies like U.S. Customs and Border Protection, state and local health departments, airlines and cruise lines, and many others to support emergency responses that affect the public's health at U.S. borders—including the COVID-19 pandemic response.

Using Regulation and Policy to Protect against Diseases from Imported Animals or Animal Products

- All dogs must be healthy on arrival. Dogs arriving from a rabies [high-risk country](#) must have a valid rabies vaccination certificate and meet other [entry requirements](#).
- Nonhuman primates may only be imported by CDC-registered importers for scientific, educational, or exhibition purposes—and are quarantined upon arrival to be tested for tuberculosis and monitored for diseases like Ebola.
- Animal products harmful to human health are prevented from entering the United States.

Responding with Life-Saving Drugs

We can send life-saving drugs available only from CDC on the next flight to rush essential, emergency drugs for a patient with botulism or diphtheria.

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