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## Health Alert: Mali, COVID-19 Update and Reopening of International Airport

**Location:** Mali

**Event:** Ongoing COVID-19 Response

The Government of Mali has announced that as of July 28, 2020 there are 2,520 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Mali, including 124 deaths and 1,919 recoveries.

The government announced the resumption of commercial air travel effective July 25, 2020 and the reopening of land borders to passenger traffic on July 31, 2020. The Government of Mali has implemented enhanced screening and quarantine measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Travelers should be prepared for additional travel restrictions to go into effect with little or no advanced notice.

Incoming air travelers will be required to:

- Wear a mask.
- Complete a form with contact information, travel history and health symptoms. The form is available online at [www.sante.gov.ml](http://www.sante.gov.ml) and [www.anac-mali.org](http://www.anac-mali.org).
- Present a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than 72 hours prior to arrival in Mali.

Any person suspected of having COVID-19 will be isolated at the airport and a COVID-19 test will be conducted. If test results are positive, that person's travel documents will be retained, and the traveler will be put into isolation at a government of Mali facility. The travel documents will be returned once the patient is deemed COVID-19-free through subsequent testing.

Incoming passengers at the land points of entry will be required to present a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than 72 hours prior to arrival at the border. Any person suspected of having COVID-19 will be isolated at the border and a COVID-19 test will be conducted.

The Government of Mali has taken the following additional steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- Face masks are mandatory in public.
- Schools and universities have allowed students with mandatory exams to return, but schools remain closed to most students.
- Sporting events, festivals, and gatherings larger than 50 people have been banned, and bars and night clubs have also been closed.
- Vehicle occupancy has been restricted to promote social distancing.
- The General Directorate for Commerce and Competition set price limits for essential goods, including sugar, rice, cooking oil, and bread.

The work schedule for all government offices (with the exception of defense, security, and health) has been reduced to 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday until August 1, 2020.

Visit the [Malian Ministry of Health](#) website for updated information on COVID-19 in Mali.

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Because of public health measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the U.S. Embassy in Bamako has canceled all routine passport, notary, and consular report of birth abroad appointments. If you are in need of an emergency appointment, please email us at [ACSBamako@state.gov](mailto:ACSBamako@state.gov).

If you have previously been approved for a passport or consular report of birth abroad, you should have been contacted with an appointment time to come pick up your documents. Contact us at [ACSBamako@state.gov](mailto:ACSBamako@state.gov) to check the status of your application.

The U.S. Embassy in Bamako has suspended routine nonimmigrant visa appointments. Visit the [Visas](#) section of the Embassy website for updates.

The Department of State has issued a [Global Level 4 Health Advisory](#) for COVID-19. The CDC has issued a [Level 3 Global COVID-19 Pandemic Notice](#).

#### Actions to Take:

- Consult the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website](#) for the most up-to-date information.
- Visit the [COVID-19 crisis page on travel.state.gov](#) for the latest information.
- Check with your airlines or travel operators regarding any updated information about your travel plans and/or restrictions.
- Visit our Embassy webpage on [COVID-19](#).
- Visit the [Department of Homeland Security's website](#) on the latest travel restrictions to the United States.
- Review the Malian [Ministry of Health's website](#).
- Enroll in [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive Alerts.

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