

COVID-19: Travel Partner Update

COVID-19 Travel Vendor Health & Safety Guide

There is a lot of apprehension about the safety of travel post-pandemic. Consequently, you need to know what steps travel providers are taking to keep their airline cabins, hotel rooms, and rental cars clean. To help you make smart decisions with your travelers, we created a [Travel Vendor Health & Safety Guide](#).

This in-depth resource provides relevant information about travel vendors' newly-adopted health and safety standards. It will be updated regularly and the latest version can always be found [here](#).



Recommendations for Travelers

As travelers resume jet setting, we recommend they do the following:

- Utilize our [Travel Vendor Health & Safety Guide](#) to know what cleanliness measures providers are taking to ensure hygiene.
- Check the local COVID-19 requirements for the destination.
- Bring protective face masks as they may be required to cover both the nose and mouth in public locations. Local laws differ by destination.
- Have the company's emergency and medical assistance information easily accessible.
- Confirm any COVID-19-related protocols with managers.
- Review the health and safety information published by [IATA](#) and [International SOS](#).

Global Travel Bans, Restrictions, & Operations

[This report](#), prepared by our global affiliate BCD Travel, summarizes recent travel restriction developments around the world.

American Expands Free Name Changes

American Airlines is expanding free name changes on applicable tickets for corporate customers to now include Business Extra accounts, wherever Business Extra is available. Clients with an active Corporate Travel Agreement or Business Extra account can get one free name change on any ticket purchased on or before May 31, 2020. The ticket must contain a valid CART/Business Extra number or JBID in the Tour Code box.

Christopherson can process this change without a waiver code. This free name change is combinable with other qualifying waivers.

Need a Good News Break?

Here are a few fun stories our team enjoyed this week:

- One man passed the time in quarantine by [recreating the famous dance scene](#) in Dirty Dancing ... with a lamp.
- Penguins from the Kansas City Zoo [took a field trip to the nearby art museum](#). The question is: did they prefer Caravaggio or Monet?
- [Videos of babies laughing hysterically](#) at little things? Try not to laugh yourself.