

# President Biden Signs Presidential Proclamation Suspending Entry of Certain Persons Entering US from India

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As an update to our previous [blog](#), President Biden signed a [Presidential Proclamation](#) on April 30, 2021, that will be effective May 4, 2021, at 12:01 a.m. The Proclamation will prohibit the entry of nonimmigrants and noncitizens of the U.S. into the United States, who were physically present within India during the 14-day preceding entry into the United States, unless they are exempted below. This Presidential Proclamation is a result of the determinations by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) that India has had a surge in COVID-19 cases that is accelerating rapidly.

Persons who will be exempt from this Presidential Proclamation will need to fall within the following classes:

- Lawful permanent residents (LPRs) of the United States
- Noncitizen national of the United States
- Noncitizen who is the spouse of a U.S. citizen (USC) or LPR
- Noncitizen who is the parent or legal guardian of a USC or LPR who is under 21
- Noncitizen who is the sibling of a USC or LPR, if both are unmarried and under 21
- Noncitizen who is the child, foster child, or ward of a USC or LPR, or is a prospective adoptee
- Noncitizen traveling at the invitation of the U.S. government for a purpose related to COVID-19
- Noncitizen traveling as a nonimmigrant crewmember
- Noncitizens traveling for other reasons as laid out in the Proclamation for diplomatic, military, law enforcement, national security, or United Nations purposes

The Presidential Proclamation includes a provision that allows the secretary of state and the DHS secretary to lay out criteria that would set forth a national interest exception (NIE). As [previous blogs have reported on applying for NIEs](#), it has become increasingly difficult to obtain approval.

This Presidential Proclamation will not have an end date, and will only be terminated by the president.

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