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The Secretary presents his compliments to their Excellencies and Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission and wishes to announce changes to the previously communicated temporary restrictions on the Department's ability to conduct in-person meetings from any of its facilities in the United States with foreign government diplomats and members of foreign missions. This note supersedes the Department's diplomatic note No. 21-1357, dated August 16, 2021.

Updated guidance for visitor access and screening at Department facilities can be found at the following location: <https://www.state.gov/department-of-state-covid-19-workplace-safety-plan/#:~:text=Local%20Visitors,%2C%20if%20not%20fully%2Dvaccinated.>

The Department's certification of vaccination form can be found at: <https://www.saferfederalworkforce.gov/downloads/CertificationVaccinationPRAv7.pdf>.

**Unofficial Visitors**

The Department continues to operate under “Mission Critical Only” status. Unofficial visitors are not currently permitted at Department facilities.

**Official Visitors**

Official visitors are individuals who have critical business that contribute to the purpose and mission of the Department at one of its domestic facilities. Examples may include high-level visitors, diplomatic representatives with time sensitive matters, and others deemed mission critical by Department bureau leadership. In person meetings will be thoroughly reviewed to ensure applicability to the Department’s purpose and mission when a virtual meeting is not possible. Teleconferencing and video meetings continue to be the primary choice to reduce the number of individuals in the Department facilities. Department host offices are responsible for official visitors and that they follow current public health measures related to travel, comply with the Department’s vaccine attestation, and testing requirements.

Limitations of types of visitors who may enter Department domestic facilities is subject to change if local conditions change.

Inquiries concerning this and other matters related to COVID-19 may continue to be transmitted by electronic mail to [OFM-EmergencyMGT@state.gov](mailto:OFM-EmergencyMGT@state.gov).

Past circular diplomatic notes and notices released by the Office of Foreign

Missions related to COVID-19 may be found at:

<https://www.state.gov/office-of-foreign-missions-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-information-and-resources/> .

Department of State,

Washington, January 13, 2022.

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