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## IMPORTANT: New US Entry Requirement for Your Flight Home

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Dear Fall 2021 OCS Students,

I hope your semester is wrapping up well. We really look forward to seeing those of you whose programs conclude this fall back on campus in January!

As a follow up to our email on Nov 30 regarding precautions to take in light of the emergence of the COVID-19 Omicron variant, I want to make sure you are aware of the COVID testing requirement one day prior to your flight back to the United States.

**The United States recently implemented a new requirement effective today Monday Dec 6 for ALL air passengers entering the United States (regardless citizenship and vaccination status) to show proof of a negative COVID-19 viral test (PCR or antigen test) taken within the calendar day before travel.**

Details can be found on the CDC website [here](#).

Many of our OCS providers have already informed us that on-site staff will be guiding fall semester students in how to obtain the appropriate COVID viral test the day before your departure. Either a PCR or antigen test is acceptable. If you have questions, please contact your on-site program staff or email [offcampusstudies@whitman.edu](mailto:offcampusstudies@whitman.edu) for assistance from Whitman OCS.

**Please be sure to take care of this COVID viral test requirement some time during the day before your flight departs to avoid not being able to board your flight home.**

Good luck in this last stretch of your program and safe travels!

Warmly,  
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