COVID-19 Vaccinations and Testing for International Travel

- The Biden Administration announced a new international air travel policy that is stringent, consistent across the globe, and guided by public health.
- Starting on November 8, foreign national air travelers to the United States will be required to be fully vaccinated and to provide proof of vaccination status prior to boarding an airplane to fly to the United States, with only limited exceptions.
- The CDC has determined that for the purposes of entry into the United States, vaccines accepted will include those FDA approved or authorized, as well as vaccines with an emergency use listing (EUL) from the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Fully vaccinated air travelers will continue to be required to show documentation of a
 pre-departure negative viral test from a sample taken within three days of travel to the
 United States before boarding. That includes all travelers U.S. citizens, lawful
 permanent residents (LPRs), and foreign nationals.
- To further strengthen protections, unvaccinated travelers whether U.S. citizens, LPRs, or the small number of excepted unvaccinated foreign nationals – will now need to show documentation of a negative viral test from a sample taken within one day of travel to the United States.