

## Rome flights on Delta to be quarantine free



Steve Sear, International and Executive Vice President, Global Sales at Delta Air Lines

[Delta Air Lines](#), the [Aeroporti di Roma](#) and [Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport](#) have joined in a first-of-its-kind trans-Atlantic COVID-19 testing program that will enable quarantine-free entry into Italy, in accordance with a decree expected to be issued soon by the government of Italy.

“Carefully designed COVID-19 testing protocols are the best path for resuming international travel safely and without quarantine until vaccinations are widely in place,” said Steve Sear, Delta President - International and Executive Vice President - Global Sales, in today’s announcement. “Safety is our core promise - it’s at the center of this pioneering testing effort and it’s the foundation of our standards for cleanliness and hygiene to help customers feel confident when they fly Delta.”

Delta has engaged advisors from the [Mayo Clinic](#) to review and assess the customer-testing protocols needed for Delta to execute a COVID-tested flight program.

“Based on the modeling we have conducted, when testing protocols are combined with multiple layers of protection, including mask requirements, proper social distancing and environmental cleaning, we can predict that the risk of COVID-19 infection - on a flight that is 60 percent full - should be nearly one in a million,” said Henry Ting, M.D., M.B.A., Chief Value Officer, Mayo Clinic.

Delta has also worked closely with the Georgia Department of Public Health to develop a blueprint for governments to reopen important international travel markets.

“The State of Georgia and the Italian government have demonstrated leadership in testing protocols and practices that can safely reopen international travel without quarantine requirements,” Sear added.

Starting Dec. 19, Delta’s dedicated trial will test passengers and crew on newly relaunched flights from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport to Rome-Fiumicino International Airport. The tests will exempt from quarantine on arrival in Italy all U.S. citizens permitted to travel to Italy for

essential reasons, such as for work, health and education, as well as all European Union and Italian citizens.

To fly on Delta's COVID-tested flights between Atlanta and Rome, passengers will need to test negative for COVID-19 through:

- A COVID Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test taken up to 72 hours before departure
- A rapid test administered at the airport in Atlanta before boarding
- A rapid test on arrival in Rome-Fiumicino
- A rapid test at Rome-Fiumicino before departure to the United States

They will also be asked to provide information upon entry into the U.S. to support CDC contact-tracing protocols.

Aeroporto di Roma earlier this year implemented a successful intra-Italy COVID-tested flight trial with Delta's Italian codeshare partner Alitalia. It is the only airport in the world to have obtained the maximum five-star rating from Skytrax on its anti-COVID health protocols. Rome-Fiumicino Airport serves over 40 million passengers a year.