



# Covid-19's Affect On Travel

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Covid-19 has dramatically changed the world in the past few months. One of the most impacted businesses is the airline industry. Since Covid-19, the airline industry has drastically dropped to almost nothing. Due to Covid-19, airlines have dropped the prices on almost all flights.

Mike Thomas, a student from the University of Florida, decided to take advantage of the cheap airfare to visit his girlfriend in Massachusetts.

“I managed to get a round trip ticket from Orlando to Boston for about \$70. Normally, that ticket would cost about \$150 to \$200. While on the plane to Boston, there were maybe 15 passengers on the plane and like 4 crew members that I saw.”

On March 11, 2020, the U.S. enforced a 30-day ban on travelers from the Schengen Area, a free-

travel zone consisting of 26 countries in Europe and has since extended to include the UK and Ireland. As a result, U.S. flight capacity dropped 45.2% by April 6, 2020 as the ban may be extended, and to even more countries. This decrease in air travel has also brought less people to airports affecting the businesses in them. At Logan international in Boston, very few businesses are open to care for travelers. Mike talked about how it looked like a ghost town.

“Much of the restaurants and stores were closed. They looked like a scene from an apocalypse movie.” Covid-19 is an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person. According to the CDC, the symptoms can range from mild or no symptoms to sever illness. It is spread by respiratory droplets that travel during coughs, sneezes, and even talking. The

CDC recommends that people should stand 6 feet apart to help promote social distancing to limit the spread of the virus. When traveling through airports the TSA recommend you to wear proper facial protection, wash your hands, and use hand sanitizer when you can.

Wearing gloves and face mask can help prevent the spread of the virus. Proper hand washing is also encouraged by hospitals and health professionals. For more information about Covid-19 and how to prepare yourself, visit the CDC's website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

