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### **REAL ID Deadline Extended to October 2021 due to COVID-19 Crisis**

**Geneseo, NY, March 30, 2020** — The Department of Homeland Security recently announced that President Donald Trump ordered the deadline for the REAL ID program to be extended by a year due to the COVID-19 crisis. The program requires U.S. travelers to obtain REAL ID-complaint driver's licenses in order to board domestic and international flights.

According to a statement from Chad Wolf, Acting Secretary of Homeland Security, "Due to circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and the national emergency declaration, the Department of Homeland Security, as directed by President Donald J. Trump, is extending the REAL ID enforcement deadline beyond the current October 1, 2020 deadline. I have determined that states require a twelve-month delay and that the new deadline for REAL ID enforcement is October 1, 2021. DHS will publish a notice of the new deadline in the Federal Register in the coming days."

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