

Department of State official:

The U.S. Embassy in Peru has remained open during the COVID-19 pandemic offering emergency services. Currently, the US Embassy in Peru continues to offer emergency services and limited immigrant and nonimmigrant visa services. Visa processing is being re-introduced at some embassies and wait times can be extended due to the pandemic.

As mentioned on U.S. Embassy Peru's website: *Local conditions and restrictions have reduced appointment capacity and created a significant backlog of applicants awaiting an in-person consular interview. The Embassy is working to reduce this backlog while ensuring the safety of our staff and applicants, while protecting our national security* (<https://pe.usembassy.gov/visas/>).

Throughout the pandemic, our U.S. embassies and consulates, including U.S. Embassy Peru, prioritized services to U.S. citizens, as well as urgent and emergency visa services (such as for those coming to assist with the U.S. response to the pandemic). Posts that were able to provide additional services prioritized immigrant visas for immediate family members of U.S. citizens, including spouses and children, intercountry adoptions, and fiancé(e)s, as well as certain special immigrant visas. As of November 1, U.S. Embassy Peru opened interview appointments for K visas. Currently, interview appointments remain open and are available. For nonimmigrant visas, U.S. Embassy Peru has prioritized students and J visas for the Summer Work Travel program. Cases with extreme humanitarian considerations and those for people traveling to provide vital support to public health or national security are also still being prioritized.