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Live Webchat May 27

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The American Citizens Services Unit of the U.S. Embassy in Moscow is pleased to announce a live webchat on **May 27, 2009** for U.S. citizens in the Russian Federation. The chat will begin at 9:00 a.m. Moscow time, 4:00 p.m. in Vladivostok, and will cover U.S. passports, Russian visas, and other issues of concern to U.S. citizens in Russia

U.S. citizens in Russia are invited to ask questions regarding passports, visas, taxes, and other emergency and non-emergency citizen services. The webchat will be hosted by American Citizen Services Chief Richard G. Rosenman.

To join the webchat, participants need to logon to **<http://statedept.connectsolutions.com/moscow>**. Please select "Enter as a Guest", no registration is necessary. Your computer will require the Adobe Flash Player (commonly installed already but available for free download at **<http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>**).

You are welcome to begin submitting your questions now. Please ask each question separately. Nothing will appear on the screen until the live webchat takes place on May 27.

If you have any technical questions, please respond to **[conx@state.gov](mailto:conx@state.gov)**.

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## Travel Registration

Register your travel with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the State Department's travel registration website, <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/> so that you can obtain updated information on travel and security within Russia. Americans without internet access may register directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

The U.S. Embassy is located at 21 Novinsky Bulvar (Garden Ring Road), Metro Barrikadnaya, tel. (495) 728-5577, or (495) 728-5000 after-hours. Our e-mail address is [moscowwarden@state.gov](mailto:moscowwarden@state.gov)

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### 2009-H1N1 Influenza Update



The U.S. Embassy reminds U.S. citizens in the Russian Federation that most cases of influenza are not 2009-H1N1 Influenza. Any questions or concerns about influenza or other illnesses should be directed to a medical professional. Although the Embassy cannot provide medical advice or provide medical services to the public, a list of hospitals and doctors can be found on our website at <http://moscow.usembassy.gov/medical.html>.

For further information about 2009-H1N1 Influenza, including steps you can take to stay healthy, please consult the Department of State information at [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/pa/pa\\_pandemic.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_pandemic.html), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control website at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>, the U.S. Government pandemic influenza website at <http://www.pandemicflu.gov>, and the World Health Organization website at <http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>. For additional travel safety information, please consult the State Department's website at <http://www.travel.state.gov>.

U.S. citizens may also call the Office of Overseas Citizens Services in the United States for the latest travel information. The Office of Overseas Citizens Services can be reached from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Monday through Friday, by calling 1-888-407-4747 from within the U.S. and Canada, or by calling (202) 501-4444 from other countries.

### File Your Federal Taxes by June 15

If you are a U.S. citizen or resident alien, the rules for filing income, estate, and gift tax returns and paying estimated tax are generally the same whether you are in the United States or abroad. Your worldwide income is subject to U.S. income tax, regardless of where you reside.

If you reside overseas, or are in the military on duty outside the U.S., you are allowed an automatic 2-month extension to file your return until **June 15**. However, any tax due must be paid by the original return due date (April 15) to avoid interest charges.



If you are unable to file your return by the due date, you can request an additional extension to **October 15** by filing Form 4868 before the return due date. However, any payments made after June 15 would be subject to both interest and failure to pay penalties.

For more information, please go to <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/international/article/0,,id=97324,00.html>.