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The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions and Permanent Observer Offices to the United Nations and wishes to provide updated information announced by the Governor of New York State for travelers into the state. This guidance is applicable to anyone coming to New York after travel to U.S. states that are not contiguous to New York, or after travel to any CDC Level 2 or Level 3 Travel Health Notice country (see: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notices.html>).

This guidance announces new requirements for such travelers arriving into New York and provides them with the flexibility to quarantine for a shorter time in limited circumstances covered by the guidance and described below. Please review and follow this information carefully.

In accordance with the travel advisory described in circular note HC-40-20, all travelers who have spent more than 24 hours outside of New York State and are traveling to it shall quarantine for a period of 14 days, **unless**:

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DIPLOMATIC NOTE

1. For travelers who traveled outside of New York for more than 24 hours to states that are not contiguous to New York, or to any US territory, or to any CDC Level 2 or Level 3 Health Notice country, they obtain testing within 72 hours prior to arrival in New York, AND ¹

2. These travelers upon arrival in New York, quarantine according to Department of Health guidelines, for a minimum of three days, measured from time of arrival, and on day 4 may seek a diagnostic test to exit quarantine.

For travelers that choose to meet the criteria above, the traveler may exit quarantine upon receipt of the second negative test result. All travelers into New York who do not choose to take these steps must quarantine for 14 days from the date of their arrival in the state.

Travelers who leave New York State for less than 24 hours do not need to obtain a diagnostic test before departing and do not need to quarantine upon return. However, such travelers must fill out the traveler form upon entry and must obtain a diagnostic test on the fourth day after arrival in New York.

Guidance for Travel

All individuals coming into New York from either a non-contiguous state or US territory, or any CDC Level 2 or Level 3 Health Notice country, whether or not such person is a New York resident, are required to complete the traveler health form upon entering New York. Significant penalties will be imposed on any individual who fails to complete the traveler health form.

The travel advisory issued pursuant to NY State Executive Order 205.2, requires all New Yorkers, as well as those visiting from out of state and out of country, to comply with the advisory in the best interest of public health and safety. However, the Department of Health retains the ability to enforce quarantine requirements and impose significant penalties for non-compliance, as such non-compliance can result in significant harm to public health. Primary enforcement is carried out through local departments of health. To file a report of an individual failing to adhere to the quarantine

¹ Contiguous states are Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont. Travelers from these states are not subject to this guidance.

pursuant to the travel advisory, please call 1-833-789-0470 or visit this website: <https://mylicense.custhelp.com/app/ask>. Individuals may also contact their local department of health.

Quarantine Requirements

The requirements to safely quarantine include:

- The individual must not be in public or otherwise leave the quarters that they have identified as suitable for their quarantine.
- The individual must be situated in separate quarters with a separate bathroom facility for each individual or family group. Access to a sink with soap, water, and paper towels is necessary. Cleaning supplies (e.g. household cleaning wipes, bleach) must be provided in any shared bathroom.
- The individual must have a way to self-quarantine from household members as soon as fever or other symptoms develop, in a separate room(s) with a separate door. Given that an exposed person might become ill while sleeping, the exposed person must sleep in a separate bedroom from household members.
- Food must be delivered to the person's quarters.
- Quarters must have a supply of face masks for individuals to put on if they become symptomatic.
- Garbage must be bagged and left outside for routine pick up. Special handling is not required.
- A system for temperature and symptom monitoring must be implemented to provide assessment in-place for the quarantined persons in their separate quarters.
- Nearby medical facilities must be notified, if the individual begins to experience more than mild symptoms and may require medical assistance.
- The quarters must be secure against unauthorized access.

Traveler Health Form

A travel enforcement operation will commence at airports across the state to help ensure travelers are following the state's travel restrictions. As part of the enforcement operation, enforcement teams will be stationed at airports statewide to meet arriving aircrafts at gates and greet disembarking

passengers to request proof of completion of the State Department of Health traveler form, which is being distributed to passengers by airlines prior to, and upon boarding or disembarking flights to New York State.

All out-of-state travelers must complete the form upon entering New York. Travelers who leave the airport without completing the form will be subject to a \$2,000 fine and may be brought to a hearing and ordered to complete mandatory quarantine. Travelers coming to New York through other means of transport, including trains and cars, must fill out the form online.

<https://traveler.health.ny.gov/>

As noted previously, this travel guidance applies to all persons entering the State of New York from outside the country and from non-contiguous U.S states, including but not limited to Heads of State and Government, Foreign Ministers, diplomats and Secretariat staff. This quarantine guidance applies, inter alia, to persons traveling to New York for short meetings, persons arriving in New York for a multi-year assignment, and persons returning to New York from vacation.

The United States Mission to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions and the Permanent Observer Offices to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

