

New York Quarantine Order Extended to Travelers from Canada

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Last week, due to a sustained spike in COVID-19 cases in the US and elsewhere, the State of New York expanded [executive order no. 205](#) with [executive order no. 205.1](#) regarding who must quarantine upon arrival in New York.

The original executive order (no. 205) imposed a quarantine requirement on certain travelers entering New York from states within the US that were considered, at that time, to have significant COVID-19 positivity rates. Since that time, New York has updated the [list of problematic states](#) on a weekly basis.

As of October 6, 2020, the current list of states for which the New York quarantine requirement applies is as follows:

Alabama	Iowa	Rhode Island
Alaska	Kansas	South Carolina
Arkansas	Kentucky	South Dakota
Colorado	Louisiana	Tennessee
Delaware	Minnesota	Texas
Florida	Mississippi	Utah
Georgia	Missouri	West Virginia
Guam	Montana	Tennessee
Idaho	Nebraska	Texas
Illinois	Nevada	Utah
Indiana	New Mexico	West Virginia
Iowa	North Carolina	Wisconsin
Kansas	North Dakota	Wyoming
Kentucky	Oklahoma	
Louisiana	Puerto Rico	

States are included on this list based upon a seven (7) day rolling average of positive tests in excess of 10%, or number of positive cases exceeding 10 per 100,000 residents. The requirements of the travel advisory do not apply to any individual passing through designated states for a limited duration (i.e., less than 24 hours) through the course of travel.

The new executive order (no. 205.1) expands the quarantine requirement not only to those states on New York's list of problematic states, but also to travelers entering the US from any country with a [CDC Level 2 or Level 3 health notice](#), including Canada.

Under the current orders, any traveler traveling from or who has been in a listed state or a country with a CDC Level 2 or 3 health notice in the last fourteen (14) days, including Canada, must quarantine for fourteen (14) days. Any violation of a quarantine or isolation order issued to an individual pursuant to the Commissioner of the Department of Health's travel advisory by a local department of health or state department of health may be enforced pursuant to article 21 of the public health law, and non-

compliance may additionally be deemed a violation pursuant to section 12 of the public health law subject to a civil penalty of up to \$10,000.00 USD.

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