

Suffolk County Community College

College Brief

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TO: The College Community

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SUBJECT: Quarantine Restrictions on Travelers Arriving in New York from Other States and International Travel Advisories

As outlined in [Executive Order 205](#) issued by New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, effective June 25, 2020, any person entering New York State from a state with positive COVID-19 test rates higher than 10 per 100,000 residents, or higher than a 10% test positivity rate, over a seven-day rolling average, and which the Commissioner of the NYS Department of Health (DOH) has designated as meeting these conditions, is required to quarantine for a period of 14 days, consistent with DOH guidelines for quarantine.

On June 26, 2020, Governor Cuomo issued [Executive Order 202.45](#), which provides that any employees who travel voluntarily to any of these states after June 25, 2020, and who are subject to a mandatory or precautionary order of quarantine as the result of such travel, shall not be eligible for the NYS COVID-19 sick leave benefits enacted by Chapter 25 of the Laws of 2020 (which provides certain paid leave benefits to eligible employees subject to a mandatory or precautionary order of isolation or quarantine due to COVID-19). Pursuant to that law, employees are also not eligible for the NYS COVID-19 sick leave benefits if they are subject to a mandatory or precautionary order of quarantine because they returned to the United States after traveling to a country for which the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a Level 2 or Level 3 travel health notice.

As a result, employees should be aware that voluntary travel to any of these countries and any of the states for which the NYS DOH has issued a travel advisory under Executive Order 205 could result in loss of pay during the required quarantine, if the employee does not have available paid leave accruals.

The list of states impacted by the Executive Order 205 travel advisory will be updated frequently and can be found on the [NYS DOH website](#). The CDC has issued a [Level 3 warning](#) in connection with the global COVID-19 pandemic to avoid all nonessential international travel, as outlined on the [CDC website](#). Employees planning to travel should review these travel advisories for the most up-to-date information.

As a reminder, College business travel remains suspended until further notice.