

SUMMARY OF PA DOH UPDATED TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS – Nov 20, 2020

Section 1: Definitions

- a. "Isolation" means the separation of individuals with COVID-19 from individual who do not have COVID-19.
- b. "Quarantine" means the separation and restriction of the movement of individuals who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick or while they are awaiting the results of a COVID19 test.

Section 2. Travel:

Individuals traveling into and returning to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from any other State or Commonwealth or an international location, must produce evidence of a negative SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19) test from a specimen collected within 72 hours prior to entering the Commonwealth, or quarantine for 14 days upon entering, unless they qualify for one of the exemptions specified in Section 4.

Section 3: Testing

- a. The test must be a diagnostic SARS-CoV2 test authorized by the Food and Drug Administration.
- b. Travelers who do not have their test results at the time of entry into the Commonwealth must remain at their travel destination without contact with others outside their travelling party until they receive their test results. Travelers receiving positive results must remain in isolation. Travelers receiving negative results may continue their intended activities.
- c. Travelers may temporarily leave quarantine to receive testing or other necessary medical services.
- d. Travelers must arrange for the test at their own expense.

Section 4: Exemptions

The following individuals are exempt from this testing and quarantine order but shall conduct travel with attention to social distancing and wearing of masks when in contact with other individuals.

- a. Individuals travelling to and from the Commonwealth for the purposes of work.
- b. Individuals travelling to and from the Commonwealth for medical reasons, including individuals providing comfort and support to the patient.
- c. Military personnel travelling to the Commonwealth by order or directive of a state or Federal military authority.
- d. Individuals in transit through the Commonwealth to another destination, provided that the time spent in the Commonwealth is only the amount of time necessary to complete the transit, make use of travel services, such as a highway rest stop, or make any necessary travel connection.

Section 5: Effective Date and Duration

This Order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on November 20, 2020 and shall remain in effect until further notice.

- As this is written, it includes returning to the Commonwealth after traveling outside for any reason NOT listed in the exemptions.
- As this is written, we would have to get a negative COVID test result OR quarantine for 14 days after a grocery shopping trip to Olean. We would need to have a negative test result 72 hours prior to returning from our grocery trip, meaning, we would need to test before leaving.
- As this is written, if you leave PA and test after you return, a 14-day quarantine is still required.
- There is no mechanism/process/protocol in place to enforce or monitor this.
- We assume that schools will be expected to require the documentation of negative test results and/or enforcing quarantines for any out of state educational travel request.. No guidance has been provided to schools regarding this Travel Order.
- Per the additional guidance posted, traveling outside of PA to uphold a custody agreement does not require testing or quarantine.
- PA DOH's goal is to reduce travel around the holiday season.