



**MEMORANDUM
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
STATE OPERATIONS**

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TO: All State Agencies and Public Authorities

FROM: Director of State Operations and Infrastructure, Kelly Cummings

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Travel Precautions

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This memorandum is a directive for employees of all State agencies and public authorities to utilize the following precautions while traveling. For travel within the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has not limited or recommended canceling or postponing travel as a result of NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19). While traveling, the CDC has recommended following routine precautions, including:

- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean your hands often by washing them with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains 60%–95% alcohol. Soap and water should be used if hands are visibly dirty. It is especially important to clean hands after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.

Additionally, please be advised that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential international travel to countries with Level 3 Health Notices, and cautions against high-risk travelers from traveling to countries with Level 2 Health Notices – listed below. In accordance with this recommendation from the CDC all New York State work-related employee travel to these countries is prohibited until further notice.

- China
- Iran
- Italy
- South Korea
- Japan

For more information about travel precautions, including a list of countries of concern, please visit the CDC's travelers website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/faqs.html>

For more on New York State's response to novel coronavirus (COVID-19) please visit <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>