Guidance for Faculty and Staff Traveling or Returning to New York

In response to increased rates of COVID-19 transmission in the United States and other countries, and to protect New York State’s (NYS) successful containment of COVID-19, NYS has issued a travel advisory for anyone entering NYS from a non-bordering state or traveled internationally from a country designated under a CDC level 2 (moderate risk) or 3 (high-risk) COVID-19 travel health notice.

All travelers, regardless of how they travel, coming to NYS from areas beyond the border states (NJ, CT, PA, MA, VT) must fill out the New York State Traveler Health Form. Travelers must quarantine for ten (10) days from the last day in a non-border state or another country, unless the traveler meets certain criteria.

Note: Travelers whose travel was within NYS or only to states bordering New York, including CT, MA, NJ, PA & VT, are exempt from these requirements.

Option A - Quarantine for 10 days on arrival

Fill out the New York State Traveler Health Form prior to arrival in New York. You may be asked to verify completion upon arrival.

Complete “Submit Time Away From Work” and select reason of Quarantine – NYS Travel Advisory

Quarantine for 10 days upon arrival in New York.

Option B – Test before and after arrival in New York to shorten the quarantine

Take COVID-19 test no more than 3 days before you arrive in New York. Ask for a receipt showing you’ve taken a test. You do not need the result before you travel.

Fill out the New York State Traveler Health Form prior to arrival in New York. You may be asked to verify completion upon arrival. You will not need to show testing documentation upon arrival.

Recommended: Take a supplemental COVID-19 test at a Cornell Surveillance testing site upon arrival in New York.*

Quarantine for 3 days upon arrival in New York.

On day 4, take a supplemental COVID-19 test at a Cornell Surveillance testing site. Once you receive a negative test result for both COVID tests, you can end your quarantine.*

* Cornell COVID-19 Surveillance Testing facilities are available for these tests, for employees who are authorized and cleared to be on campus through the Daily Check process. Appointments are required. Employees who are not approved to be on campus may schedule an appointment at one of the off-campus surveillance testing sites (East Hill Plaza, Collegetown or Downtown) beginning November 30 or at the Shops at Ithaca Mall; be sure to identify as a Cornell employee and use your Cornell email address.
Important: Should you develop any symptoms related to COVID-19 or if you become aware that you have come into contact with someone with COVID-19 you are prohibited from obtaining a test at one of our surveillance sites. Instead, contact your doctor and seek testing at the Ithaca Mall site (or a designated testing site in your county).

More information on the New York State COVID-19 Travel Advisory can be found here.