



INFORMATION FOR UN PERSONNEL TRAVELING TO NEW YORK

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This advisory informs UN personnel of the Secretariat, Funds and Programmes of the current UN policy and guidance by the host country authorities, including New York State and City, on travel-related COVID-19 measures.

HOST COUNTRY MEASURES

1. New York State and City authorities have informed the Organization that UN personnel traveling to New York domestically from certain states or internationally from certain countries are required to quarantine for 14 days from the date of their arrival in New York.
2. The countries and states subject to quarantine measures are those countries identified as Level 2 or Level 3 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and states identified by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), as follows:
 - CDC list of countries with elevated risk: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>.
 - NYSDOH list of states with elevated risk: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>

Please consult the CDC and NYSDOH websites for the latest information when planning and undertaking travel to or from New York.

3. The New York City requirements for quarantine are published online: (https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/07/nys-covid-travel-advisory-faq_0.pdf)

These requirements include the following:

- The individual must not be in public or otherwise leave the quarters that they have identified as suitable except to seek medical care, therefore strictly including that the individual must not attend in the workplace.
- The individual must be situated in separate quarters with a separate bathroom facility for each individual or family group. Access to a sink with soap, water, and paper towels is necessary. Cleaning supplies (e.g. household cleaning wipes, bleach) must be provided in any shared bathroom.
- The individual must have a way to isolate from household members as soon as fever or other symptoms develop, in a separate room(s) with a separate door. Given that an exposed person might become ill while sleeping, the exposed person must sleep in a separate bedroom from household members.
- Food must be delivered to the person's quarters.
- Quarters must have a supply of face masks for individuals to put on if they become symptomatic.
- Garbage must be bagged and left outside for routine pick up. Special handling is not required.
- A system for temperature and symptom monitoring must be implemented to provide assessment in-place for the quarantined persons in their separate quarters.



- Nearby medical facilities may be notified if they are high risk and develop symptoms requiring medical assistance.
- The quarters must be secure against unauthorized access.

Note: A COVID-19 virus test is not required during or on completion of quarantine, and a negative test does not impact the duration of the quarantine.

UN POLICY

1. Under phase 2 of the United Nations reintegration plan, UN personnel subject to host country quarantine measures are not permitted to enter the UN Headquarters district or another UN workplace until they have completed their quarantine period and are able to meet the conditions applicable to all personnel for entry, namely that they:
 - have been free of COVID-19 symptoms in the past 14 days
 - had no positive COVID-19 test in the past 14 days, and
 - had no close contact with a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case in the past 14 days.
2. Testing and illness during quarantine:
 - COVID-19 virus testing will not generally be made available through the testing program run by the UN Headquarters Clinic for UN personnel who are well. Please consult a local medical provider. For UN personnel who are ill, a COVID-19 test can be arranged through the medical service by contacting unhqclinic@un.org.
 - UN personnel who develop illness with features of COVID-19 during quarantine should isolate themselves from others and are encouraged to report this through the confidential self-reporting portal – www.medical.un.org. Further information on managing illness, testing and treatment is available on the UN's COVID-19 website - <https://www.un.org/en/coronavirus>
3. UN personnel returning from locations not identified by the CDC and NYSDOH referenced above may have still been exposed to some risk by traveling, for example during a flight or in a train. They are encouraged to consider their exposure risk, and if appropriate self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival, or if not, to apply extra diligence in following COVID-19 precautions for 14 days – to regularly monitor their own health for fever or symptoms as well as wearing a face covering when in public, maintaining social distancing, and cleaning/disinfect workspaces. A COVID-19 virus test is not required and will not in general be made available through the testing program run by the UN Headquarters Clinic.