



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 141

August 18, 2020

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WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo declared a State disaster emergency for the entire State of New York to address the threat that COVID-19 poses to the health and welfare of New York residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Executive Order No. 98, issued March 12, 2020 and extended most recently by Emergency Executive Order No. 138, issued August 6, 2020, contains a declaration of a state of emergency in the City of New York due to the threat posed by COVID-19 to the health and welfare of City residents, and such declaration remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, this Order is given because of the propensity of the virus to spread person-to-person and also because the actions taken to prevent such spread have led to property loss and damage; and

WHEREAS, New Yorkers have made enormous sacrifices to reduce the COVID-19 positivity rate, while other states and territories are experiencing an increase in the rate of daily positive tests for COVID-19, and continued vigilance is necessary to ensure that New York does not see a spike in new cases due to increased community spread caused by COVID-19 positive travelers entering New York City from such states and territories; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2020, Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order No. 205, directing the New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH") to issue a travel advisory requiring all travelers entering New York State who have recently traveled within a state where, during a seven-day period, the average COVID-19 positive test rate is greater than 10% or the number of daily positive cases exceeds 10 per 100,000 residents, to quarantine for a period of fourteen (14) days from their last contact with such state, consistent with NYSDOH guidelines; and

WHEREAS, NYSDOH has issued such a travel advisory and has designated those states and territories that meet the criteria for required quarantine pursuant to such travel advisory; a list of such states and territories (the "Restricted List") is available here: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>, and the designations may be updated from time to time; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2020, NYSDOH Commissioner Zucker issued an Order for Summary Action (“NYSDOH Order”), directing all travelers subject to Governor Executive Order No. 205 to complete and submit a New York State Traveler Health Form (“Traveler Health Form”); the online version of such form is available here: <https://forms.ny.gov/s3/Welcome-to-New-York-State-Traveler-Health-Form>; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Executive Order No. 137, issued on August 5, 2020, established checkpoints at or near various New York City and New York State boundary crossings in order to educate individuals travelling from restricted states into New York City about their quarantine obligations pursuant to Governor Executive Order No. 205 and the NYSDOH Order, and to promote compliance with such orders, and directed any traveler subject to Governor Executive Order No. 205 to complete the Traveler Health Form; and

WHEREAS, New York City has always welcomed travelers and tourists to the greatest city on Earth, and looks forward to welcoming travelers while also protecting its residents and the public by ensuring their continued health and safety; and

WHEREAS, travelers from states and territories on the Restricted List may continue to travel to New York City and stay at commercial lodgings and short-term rentals, including but not limited to hotels, motels, inns and other places of lodging.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the laws of the State of New York and the City of New York, including but not limited to the New York Executive Law, the New York City Charter and the Administrative Code of the City of New York, and the common law authority to protect the public in the event of an emergency:

Section 1. I hereby direct that prior to granting a guest access to lodging upon their arrival in New York City, all transitory hotels, motels, inns, dwellings offered for “short term rental,” as defined in section 26-2101 of the Administrative Code, and private for-profit businesses providing temporary lodging for fewer than 30 days shall inquire whether the guest has travelled from a state or territory on the Restricted List within the last 14 days, and require guests who answer affirmatively to provide proof of a completed Traveler Health Form. Such proof may be in the form of a screenshot of the certification page of a completed form on the guest’s cellular phone or laptop. If a guest who has travelled from such a state or territory within the last 14 days does not provide such proof, they shall not be allowed access to a room until they have completed the Traveler Health Form, either by electronic means or on paper.

§ 2. I hereby direct that all transitory hotels, motels, inns, dwellings offered for “short term rental” as defined in section 26-2101 of the Administrative Code and private for-profit businesses providing temporary lodging for fewer than 30 days shall make every effort to notify guests at the time of booking or reservation that guests arriving from or having traveled in a state or territory on the Restricted List should complete the Traveler Health Form prior to their arrival in the City.

§ 3. I hereby direct, in accordance with Executive Law § 25, that the jurisdiction and special duties of police officers, peace officers, and special patrolman in the Department of Environmental Protection, Taxi and Limousine Commission, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and other necessary agencies, as may hereafter be designated by the New York City Sheriff, shall include responsibilities in connection with the administration and enforcement of this Order.

§ 4. I hereby direct the New York City Sheriff, and other agencies named in or designated by the Sheriff pursuant to this Order to immediately enforce the directives set forth in this Order in accordance with their lawful enforcement authorities. Violations of the directives set forth in this Order may be issued as if they were violations under the New York City Health Code, title 24 Rules of the City of New York sections 3.07 and 3.11.

§ 5. In accordance with Executive Law § 24, any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this Order shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor. In addition, violations of the directives set forth in this Order may be issued as if they were violations under the New York City Health Code, title 24 Rules of the City of New York sections 3.07 and 3.11.

§ 6. This Emergency Executive Order shall take effect August 21, 2020 at 12:00am, and shall remain in effect for five (5) days unless it is terminated or modified at an earlier date.


Bill de Blasio,
MAYOR