



Travel Advisory for Contractors on NYPA/Canal Projects

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A [Travel Advisory](#) was issued June 24, 2020 by the governors of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut concerning *anyone* entering New York, New Jersey or Connecticut from a state with a significant presence of COVID-19. The advisory went into effect on July 2, 2020.

By [Executive Order](#) of the Governor, anyone traveling to a state (after June 25th) with positive test rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents, or higher than a 10% test positivity rate, over a seven day rolling average, and which the commissioner of the department of health has designated as meeting these conditions is **required** to quarantine for 14 days.

The list of impacted states will be updated frequently and can be found on the [Department of Health website](#).

If a company doing business with NYPA or Canals Corporation is sending its employees to work on a NYPA or Canals project, it is the responsibility of that company to advise its employees of the [Travel Advisory](#) and to ensure that its employees comply with those restrictions.

Each person or company doing business with NYPA is responsible to monitor the website frequently as it is subject to change as COVID cases are spiking in several states. This means that if you are travelling from a restricted state and entering New York, you are subject to a 14-day quarantine, and it is the obligation of your employer to ensure that its employees abide by the [Travel Advisory](#).

COVID Testing:

As a contractor working on projects for NYPA and/or Canals (See [Essential Businesses or Entities](#)), you are considered an essential worker. As such, upon entering New York from a restricted state, you may:

- Obtain a diagnostic test for COVID-19 within 24 hours or as soon as possible upon arrival to NY State at the following NY State Test Site [Locations](#)
- You may return to work before the end of the 14-day quarantine period on the condition that you provide your employer with medical documentation demonstrating that you tested negative for COVID-19. Your employer is required to provide NYPA (Responsible Project Manager) attestation you have cleared diagnostic testing.
- You are required to wear proper PPE (facemask as all times, social distancing, and frequent cleaning of workspace) for the duration of the 14-day period.

IMPORTANT: According to the Governor's [Executive Order 205](#), anyone who does not comply with the [NYS DOH Interim Guidance](#) is potentially subject to civil penalty of up to \$10,000.