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## **NOTICE**

### **District of Columbia New Travel Requirements**

To further combat the spread of COVID-19, the Mayor of the District of Columbia, Muriel Bowser, has issued an executive order directing all residents and persons traveling to or from “high-risk” areas within the prior fourteen (14) days for non-essential travel to self-quarantine for fourteen (14) days following their return or arrival. “High-risk” areas are locations where the seven (7) day moving average of daily new COVID-19 case rate is ten (10) or more per one hundred thousand (100,000) persons. Maryland and Virginia are exempt from this executive order. A copy of Mayor’s Order 2020-81 is available here:

<https://coronavirus.dc.gov/page/mayor%E2%80%99s-order-2020-081-requirement-self-quarantine-after-non-essential-travel-during-covid-19>

Section II of Mayor’s Order 2020-81 indicates that beginning July 24, 2020, persons who are self-quarantining after **non-essential travel** must:

- a) Stay at their residence or hotel room; leaving only for essential medical appointments or treatments or to obtain food and other essential goods when the delivery of food or other essential goods to their residence or hotel is not feasible;
- b) Not invite or allow guests, other than caregivers, into their quarantined residence or hotel room; and
- c) Self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and seek appropriate medical advice or testing if COVID-19 symptoms arise.

In addition, Section III of Mayor’s Order 2020-81 provides that individuals arriving in the District for essential travel or returning to the District after **essential travel** are required to do the following:

1. Self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and to self-quarantine and seek medical advice or testing if they show symptoms of COVID-19; and
2. Limit their activities involving contact with other persons for fourteen (14) days to the purposes that exempted them from the self-quarantine requirement to the extent possible.

OFM notes that for purposes of Mayor's Order 2020-81, "**essential travel**" is defined in a manner consistent with previous guidance issued by the District of Columbia, which includes travel for purposes of performing or accessing essential government functions. See, e.g. <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/stayhome> OFM further notes any travel to or through the District of Columbia which is less than 24 hours in duration is also considered to be "essential travel" for purposes of Mayor's Order 2020-81. See Mayor's Order 2020-81, Section IV.2.

Please continue to send COVID-19 related correspondence via email to [OFM-EmergencyMgt@state.gov](mailto:OFM-EmergencyMgt@state.gov) and follow COVID-19 in Washington, DC: <https://coronavirus.dc.gov>.