State of New York

Executive Chamber

No. 205.1

EXECUTIVE ORDER

QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVELERS ARRIVING IN NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the State of New York has successfully slowed the transmission of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the State of New York has gone from having the highest infection rate to one of the lowest in the country and is one of only a few states on track to contain COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Governor has undertaken a cautious, incremental, and evidence-based approach to reopening the State of New York;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) determines risk level for travelers entering the United States from other countries regarding health threats around the world;

WHEREAS, as of this date, only thirty-one nations in the world have COVID-19 transmission that presents "low" (Level 1) or "very low" (no travel health notice) risk, and all other countries for which information is available are designated Level 2 or Level 3 (moderate or high risk, respectively) by the CDC;

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2020, the CDC rolled back its quarantine recommendation for international travelers when arriving in the United States from a Level 2 or Level 3 country;

WHEREAS, New York must take all possible efforts to mitigate and contain spread of COVID-19 in the state as the federal government continues to roll back efforts that are necessary to slow the spread of the virus and implement policy changes that put public health and safety at risk;

WHEREAS, New York has separately required a mandatory quarantine after travel to a Level 2 or Level 3 country for anyone arriving to New York; and

WHEREAS, this New York-required quarantine must remain in place and be strictly enforced in order to continue to contain COVID-19 transmission in the face of negligent relaxation of quarantine restrictions by the federal government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of New York, in particular Article IV, section one, I do hereby order and direct as follows:

Executive Order 205, which required the Commissioner of the Department of Health to issue a travel advisory to be communicated widely at all major points of entry into New York, including on highway message boards and in all New York airports, advising all travelers entering New York from certain states that they are required to quarantine for a period of 14 days consistent with Department of Health regulations for quarantine; is hereby modified to require the Commissioner to add to such travel advisory that travelers entering the United States from any country with a CDC Level 2 or Level 3 health notice shall be required quarantine for a period of 14 days consistent with Department of Health regulations for quarantine, and that such travelers shall complete the Department of Health traveler health form or be subject to civil penalty pursuant to the Public Health Law and regulations of the Department of Health.

GIVEN under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State in the City of Albany this twenty-eighth day of September in the year two thousand twenty.

BY THE GOVERNOR

Secretary to the Governor