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FURTHER TRAVEL UPDATE

The Governor's Newly-Updated Travel Restrictions

On November 3, 2020, the New York State Department of Health issued an updated *Interim Guidance for Quarantine Restrictions on Travelers Arriving in New York State Following Out of State Travel*. This can be viewed at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>, under “READ THE DETAILED TRAVEL GUIDANCE”.

The new Travel Guidance provides “Quarantine Criteria for Travel” and addresses travel that involves a “contiguous state”, which are: Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont. The Travel Guidance provides one set of requirements for travelers to contiguous states who return to New York in less than 24 hours, and a different set of requirements for travelers to contiguous states who return to New York in more than 24 hours. How individuals and teams and their travel plans are impacted by the new Travel Guidance should be carefully considered, and caution should be paid to complying with them.

With respect to travelers and teams entering (or re-entering) New York from a state that is not a contiguous state, or from a CDC Level 2 or 3 Travel Health Notice country, those travelers and teams are required to quarantine for a period of 14 days, consistent with Department of Health regulations for quarantine. This was discussed in the October 26 Update regarding travel, and is posted on the website of The New York State Amateur Hockey Association.

The NY Forward Guidelines Regarding Ice Hockey Remain Unchanged

With respect to the State of New York “NY Forward” Guidelines, which includes amateur, ice hockey remains designated as a “higher risk” sport with hockey games and scrimmages not permitted. Travel also is not permitted. The NY Forward Guidelines are found at the <https://forward.ny.gov/> website, and are also discussed in the October 26 Update regarding travel on the website of The New York State Amateur Hockey Association.

In general, if teams or participants engage in games, scrimmages and/or travel, they may be subject to applicable State of New York requirements, including quarantine in certain instances, and may be subject to penalties by the State of New York or local governments, including local Departments of Health, if it is determined that the travel violated these guidelines.





Ice Hockey Comments by Governor Cuomo at his
Press Conference on Monday, November 9, 2020

At his press conference on Monday, November 9, 2020, Governor Cuomo stated, in response to a question that included changes to the restrictions placed on ice hockey, that at this time no decisions have been made about modifying ice hockey's classification as a "higher risk" sport under the NY Forward Guidelines. The Governor further noted that any change would have to be evaluated by the New York State Department of Health, taking into account that the COVID-19 infection rate and related metrics are getting worse, not better, in the State of New York. The Governor declined to say whether, or when, any changes might be forthcoming.

Continued Efforts by the New York State Hockey Amateur Hockey Association

The New York State Amateur Hockey Association continues to work with senior policy makers at NY Forward in the Governor's Office, and has cooperated with USA Hockey and other organizations, to have ice hockey games and scrimmages allowed under the NY Forward Guidelines and the Travel Guidance. This work is difficult with much of the country experiencing a "second wave" of the virus, but we are energetically and diligently continuing our efforts for permission to have games and scrimmages allowed.

We will continue to keep the membership updated.



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