

NYS Quarantine Rule Amended to Include Travelers from Level 2 and Level 3 countries, including Canada

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On June 24, 2020, New York State passed [executive order no. 205](#), which imposed quarantine restrictions on certain travelers coming to New York State from states within the U.S. that are considered to have significant COVID-19 positivity rates. The list of problematic states has shifted since then, most normally updated on a weekly basis.

Last week, a little-publicized change was made to this executive order (designated [NYS executive order no. 205.1](#)) requiring quarantine for 14 days for individuals entering New York State from certain countries where COVID-19 is considered a significant risk. The modified executive order now requires that travelers from all countries with either a “Level 2” (moderate risk) or “Level 3” (high risk) designation to quarantine for 14 days following their entry to the U.S.

While we have not yet received any reports from clients of any actual civil penalties being assigned based on these restrictions, travelers from locations listed [here](#) should be aware of the restriction and the risks associated with noncompliance.

LMWF recommends significant advance planning ahead of travel to New York State, both to account for the quarantine restrictions and to account for the significant time it is typically taking to obtain visas at U.S. diplomatic posts outside the U.S., where required.

Please feel free to contact any member of the LMWF immigration team with questions regarding this post.

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