

State updates list of high-risk states under quarantine order

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SANTA FE – New Mexico has updated its list of high-risk states based on Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham's executive order requiring quarantine for out-of-state visitors. Residents arriving from these states must also quarantine to minimize the risk of spread from out-of-state travel.

Washington has been added to the list of high-risk states as of Oct. 21.

The negative test quarantine exemption is no longer in effect. Anyone arriving in New Mexico from a high-risk state is required to quarantine for a period of 14 days or for the duration of their stay in the state, whichever is shorter, regardless of any negative COVID-19 test.

As of Oct. 21, the list of high-risk states is as follows: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The state amends the list weekly according to the state-by-state health conditions as defined in the executive order; the updated information is maintained on the cv.nmhealth.org homepage and is disseminated each week in English and Spanish to city and county officials who manage airports within the state.

Information regarding travel can also be found on the New Mexico Tourism Department's website.

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People who arrive in New Mexico from states with a five percent positivity rate or greater over a seven-day rolling average, or a positive test rate greater than 80 per 1 million residents, must physically separate from others in a residence or place of lodging for at least 14 days from the date of their entry into New Mexico, or for the duration of their presence in the state, whichever is shorter.

People entering New Mexico from states with a five percent positivity rate or lower over a seven-day rolling average, or a positive test rate lower than 80 per 1 million residents, are not required to self-quarantine. Self-quarantine is still advised for people arriving from these states, and those arriving from these lower-risk states are advised to be tested for COVID-19 within five to seven days of their arrival in New Mexico.