

COVID-19 Travel Guidance for Families

1

Domestic Travel

In order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the City is issuing an [Emergency Travel Order](#) applicable to anyone coming into Chicago from designated states with a significant degree of community-wide spread of COVID-19. Anyone traveling from a state on the Orange list is directed to obtain a negative COVID-19 test result within 72 hours prior to arrival in Chicago or quarantine for a 10 calendar days (or the duration of their time in Chicago, whichever is shorter). The Order is subject to the limited exemptions outlined in the [‘Exceptions section’](#).

Children under the age of 18 are required to follow the Order for pre-arrival testing or quarantine unless they traveled with an adult who tested negative for COVID-19. Children who travel alone are required to follow the Order for pre-arrival testing or quarantine.

This order applies to returning Chicago residents and out-of-state visitors arriving in Chicago.

- Vaccinated persons (returning travelers who live or work in Chicago, or visitors to Chicago) who have travelled domestically are not required to quarantine if they are: asymptomatic; and
- Fully vaccinated (i.e., are ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of 1 dose of a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine).

The infographic for Domestic Travel is divided into three horizontal sections. The top section is yellow and features a map of the United States, icons for a train, a car, and an airplane, and the text 'Domestic Travel (orange category state)'. The middle section is purple and contains the text 'Get Tested 72 Hours Before Arrival' next to a syringe icon. The bottom section is green and contains the text 'Quarantine 10 Days' next to a house icon with a person inside. A yellow bar with the word 'OR' is positioned between the middle and bottom sections.

2

International Travel

If your child traveled to a [moderate, high or very high risk](#) location, your child must stay home for 7-10 days after travel. Testing does not eliminate all risk, but when paired with a period of staying at home and precautions like [wearing masks](#) and [social distancing](#), it can make travel safer by reducing spread on planes, in airports, and at travelers' destinations.

Get tested with a viral test (Either PCR or antigen) 3-5 days after travel AND self-quarantine at home for a full 7 days after travel.

- Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days.
 - If your test is positive, isolate yourself to protect others from getting infected.
- If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
- Avoid being around people who are at increased risk for severe illness for 14 days, whether you get tested or not.

The infographic for International Travel is divided into three horizontal sections. The top section is yellow and features icons for a train, a car, and an airplane, and the text 'International Travel (moderate, high, very high risk location)'. The middle section is purple and contains the text 'Get Tested 3-5 Days After' next to a syringe icon. The bottom section is green and contains the text 'Quarantine 7 Days' next to a house icon with a person inside. A yellow bar with the word 'OR' is positioned between the middle and bottom sections.

3

A household member has traveled either internationally or domestically

The person who has traveled must observe the above guidance, but those who did not travel do not.

Example: If a parent traveled the parent needs to follow the CDPH travel order but the child who did not travel does not need to quarantine.

Only the Traveler must follow above guidance

CDPH does include [exceptions](#), such as travel for shared parental custody. CPS's daily health screener allows for the exceptions. On the question that asks: "Have you/ the student traveled to any state listed as RED or ORANGE on the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) travel order in the last 10 days?" The parent should check "no" in accordance with the instructions when qualifying for an exception under the CDPH travel order.

Members of the CPS community should self-report a positive COVID-19 test result to cps.edu/covidresults. Parents and guardians can report on behalf of their children. The CPS Contact Tracing Team does not act on secondhand reports, speculation, assumptions, or rumors.

Learn more about what CPS is doing to keep everyone safe and healthy at cps.edu/reopening

School Reopening

