

Try planning a staycation this year

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Due to record-setting COVID infection rates over the last few weeks, many American companies strongly advise their employees against any travel outside of the United States, which may be unsafe and will require the person to quarantine when they return. The travel situation between states could change at any point with the hotspots developing across the country.

The new normal is that no one has an idea what next week or next month will look like. Everyone is advised to practice social distancing, avoid crowds, wear masks, and wash your hands/use hand sanitizer to minimize your risk. This can be done while discovering adventures in your own backyard or hosting gatherings of friends at a local venue following CDC and State Guidelines.

Keep in mind that while it may seem open here in the South for travel between states, there are other areas of the country that still have travel restrictions in place. Citizens have zero control over these restrictions that may potentially subject a person to quarantine on return based on any travel restrictions put in place while they are traveling.

Here are some the restrictions that are currently mandated around the Country:

- Alaska requires anyone entering the state to provide a negative test, be tested upon arrival or to self-quarantine for 14 days.

- Hawaii requires anyone entering the state to self-quarantine for 14 days.

- Maine requires anyone staying in lodging facilities or a hotel to provide a negative test or to self-quarantine for 14 days.

- Colorado still has some counties under stay-at-home orders which will restrict travel to those areas and may trigger a quarantine upon return.

- Many counties in California that encompass the large cities are still under Stay-at-Home orders. Travel to California is not advised for any reason due to this, and companies would have to enforce quarantine measures per CDC guidelines upon return due to their Stay-at-Home orders still being in place through August.

- Massachusetts requires travelers entering the state to self-quarantine for 14 days.

- New Hampshire requires out-of-state visitors to self-quarantine for 14 days. Although New York City entered Phase One last week, it is still being advised

that non-essential travelers should not travel to the NYC Tri-county area. Companies



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Mississippi has many museums, restaurants, history and nature to explore. Many Rankin Countians enjoy fishing, hiking and picnicking at the Ross Barnett Reservoir.

panies would have to implement quarantine measures for anyone that travels to this area.

- New Mexico advises all out-of-state travelers to self-quarantine for 14 days.

- North Dakota requires visitors from states with widespread transmission to self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival. (not sure which states are included.)

- Rhode Island requires visitors from other states to self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.

- Utah requires anyone from high-risk areas to self-quarantine for 14 days. (not sure what states are high-risk areas.)

- Vermont has extensive requirements for out-of-state visitors including combinations of quarantine and negative test confirmations. Prospective visitors need to review these in detail if planning to travel to Vermont.

- Wisconsin has in-state travel restrictions as well as layers of restrictions for those traveling from out-of-state.

- New York, New Jersey and Connecticut issued a recent notification requiring travelers from states with high COVID rates to quarantine for 14 days effective at midnight June 24. Heavy fines beginning at \$2000 for the first instance of not quarantining will be imposed.

- Due to record-setting COVID rates within their state over the past two weeks, Florida is considering putting some restrictions back in place per June 24 news. If that were to happen, there could possibly be travel restrictions and quarantine measures to be in place there too.

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