Mandatory Quarantine Notice for Guests of Montana Hotels & Lodging Properties

Governor Bullock has directed that travelers arriving from another state or country to Montana for non-work-related purposes undergo a 14-day self-quarantine. The Directive follows the governor's prior international travel advisory and his Stay at Home Directive which is in effect until April 10.

The full directive is linked here.

- Any person coming to Montana from another state or country for a non-work-related purpose must immediately self-quarantine for 14 days. If a person will be present in Montana for fewer than 14 days, that person must self-quarantine for the duration of the visit.

- Any person who has already arrived in Montana from another state or country for a non-work- related purpose before the date of this Directive must immediately self-quarantine for the remainder of a 14-day period beginning on the date of their arrival in Montana, or until their departure from Montana—whichever is sooner.

- These quarantine restrictions do not apply in the following circumstances: to persons traveling through Montana en route to another destination; or to public health, public safety or healthcare workers

- These quarantine restrictions shall apply to Montana residents and non-residents alike.

COVID-19 FAQ for Tourism Partners & Lodging Properties

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Lodging facilities are an essential business and may remain open during the stay-at-home directive.

What is the hotel or lodging property's responsibility?

To post a notice of the 14-day self-quarantine.

Additionally, as an essential business to remain open during Montana's stay-at-home order (March 28-April 10), lodging facilities should follow best sanitation practices as recommended by the CDC. (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/disinfecting-building-facility.html)

The Department of Commerce has a printable notice available upon the lodging property's request.

Who must quarantine?

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This directive applies to Montana residents and visitors alike.

How is the March 30 travel advisory different from earlier travel advisories?

The new directive requires that travelers arriving from another state or country to Montana for non-work-related purposes self-quarantine for 14-days. The previous travel advisory required only travelers coming from international destinations to self-quarantine. Health care workers coming to Montana to work on the frontlines of our response to COVID-19 are exempt from the order, as are travelers who are here for essential work.

While we love our visitors, we would ask that they not come visit while Montanans are watching out for one another by staying at home. This is important not only to protect our health care system, but also to protect against the spread of COVID-19.

What economic effect will this have on Montana's tourism and recreation industry?

Tourism is one of Montana's leading industries, supporting nearly 60,000 jobs. In 2018, more than 12.4 million non-resident visitors spent $3.7 billion in our communities.

We are monitoring economic and industry trends related to this public health emergency in real-time. There have certainly been immediate impacts to the industry with early season cancellations. We hope those visitors rebook when it is appropriate to do so.

It's too early to tell how this could impact our largest revenue-generating season – summer.

The Department of Commerce has the flexibility to change marketing strategies in near-real time. Our hope is that will be a benefit in being able to weather this public health emergency.

Is bringing the National Guard into the airports an overreach? What about rail stations?

The order simply authorizes, not directs, the Montana National Guard to conduct temperature checks at Montana airports and rail stations and screen for potential exposure history for travelers arriving in Montana from another state or country. General Matthew Quinn will make the determination whether to send certain members of the Montana National Guard to assist in our state's response to COVID-19.

The Governor issued this directive, as with others, within the scope of the Montana State Constitution.

Why are health care workers exempt from this?

Health care workers and other travelers who come to Montana for essential work are exempt from this directive. Health care workers are on the frontlines, fighting COVID-19, and we want to do everything possible to ensure Montanans can access essential medical care.

How can I stay updated on Montana COVID-19 efforts and see future directives?

Check and direct visitors to the Visit Montana website for travel updates:

https://www.visitmt.com/travel-alerts.html or call 1-800-847-4868

For information related to COVID-19 in Montana visit covid19.mt.gov or call 1.888.333.0461