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Hi folks –

The NH Division of Public Health Services (NH DPH) has changed their guidance for employers regarding “General Travel and Quarantine.” This is guidance that ALL business are expected to follow.

Effective immediately anyone travelling outside of the New England states (New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut or Rhode Island) needs to quarantine for 14 days after return.

So, what does this mean? It means don’t leave New England. It isn’t worth it.

Our New England region is doing really well in terms of keeping the COVID-19 case counts low. The state does not want you travelling outside of this region and running the risk of bringing the virus back to New Hampshire. That makes sense. Since the beginning of July, NH has had a 7-day average of less than 30, and currently it is about 23 cases per day. That is really quite good, and we need to keep it that low (or lower).

Starting tomorrow the screening questions will change. We understand that this is a change in guidance and that some people may have recently returned from travel outside of New England. If that is the case, or if you are on vacation now and this impacts you, please talk to your supervisor or the Human Resources leader on your campus. But proactively, and until this NH DPH guidance changes – ***if you leave New England for any reason, no matter how you travel (personal vehicle or public transportation), you will need to quarantine at home for 14 days before returning to work.*** You can’t “test out” of quarantine, and you can’t come back to work for 14 days. That’s not good. We need you. Please make good decisions for yourself, our communities, and our state.

Also, you may have family or friends wanting to visit you from non-New England states. Please note that the NH DPH guidance is that ***any visitors from non-New***

England states would need to self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in New Hampshire. Only you know how your visitors have been living (and where) but we recommend against having anyone from outside of New England visit for the time being.

For now, my best advice is to stay local (and stay away from people you don't know). The state's guidelines may change again (tighter or looser) depending on how case counts play out. We all have to stay vigilant and stay prepared. These are unprecedented times and the guidance continues to adjust as new facts play out, which means we will have to continue to adjust, too.

If this change in guidelines messes with your summer vacation plans... I am really sorry. Honestly sorry. But this is what we have to do for now. If you will lose a deposit on a vacation rental please contact the Human Resources leader on your campus and we will work on getting this reimbursed for you.

This sucks; there is no getting around it. But this virus is no joke, and we have to do the right things and keep our lives (and our travel) very local right now. We are in this together. Stay healthy my friends!



Justine Vogel, TRWG CEO

(Please watch my video-the link will be posted on ADP on Monday evening.)