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Mayor Bowser Modifies 14-Day Quarantine Order

We are pleased to announce that today, Mayor Bower issued an updated travel advisory to modify the 14-day quarantine order. Individuals traveling to the District should have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of traveling to the District. Individuals staying more than 3 days in the District, must take an additional COVID-19 test within 3–5 days of arrival. Individuals who are close contacts of a confirmed positive case, should not travel to the District.

The following individuals are exempt from the testing requirement:

- Residents of Maryland and Virginia;
- **Individuals traveling for essential work may carry out those duties prior to receiving the results of their second test in DC (as long as they do not have symptoms or were not a close contact of a positive case within the past 14 days);**
- Visitors who are coming into DC for less than 24 hours; and
- People traveling to DC for a family emergency or a funeral do not need to obtain a negative test prior to coming if obtaining such a test would be impractical, but must restrict their activities to those related to the emergency.

DC residents returning to the District after traveling to any place other Maryland, Virginia, or a low-risk state or country must either:

- Limit daily activities and self-monitor for 14 days upon their return; or
- Limit daily activities until they get tested for COVID-19 (approximately 72 hours after their return) and receive a negative result.

This modified order is self-enforcing, however, private institutions such as universities, employers, **hotels**, hospitals, congregate care facilities, and houses of worship **may** ask visitors about their recent travel and may require a record of a negative COVID-19 test before allowing admittance to their facility.

The requirement for individuals to self-quarantine for 14 days or to obtain a negative test does not apply to those performing essential work, insofar as they are going to work, or for essential activities such as obtaining medical care, food or pharmaceuticals (only if the individual does not have symptoms of COVID-19 and has not been exposed to an individual diagnosed with

COVID-19 in the past 14 days).

HAWDC would like to thank members who contacted the Mayor and provided data regarding the negative impact that the previous quarantine had on hotel operations. Your feedback was essential in helping the Mayor modify her order.

Regards,
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