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Re: Out of State Travel

Dear Providers:

Yesterday evening Governor Lamont issued [Executive Order 7III](#). This order strengthens his previously enacted travel advisory for anyone entering Connecticut from states with high infection and positivity rates for COVID-19. The order makes the following changes:

- Changes the travel advisory to mandatory and has been taken in conjunction with similar measures by the governors of New Jersey and New York.
- Under the new order, failure to comply may result in a \$1,000 penalty imposed by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH).
(Please review the Executive Order and the state website shared below for more detail)
- The order does offer a testing alternative to the self-quarantine requirement.
(Please review the Executive Order and the state website shared below for more detail)
- The order exempts certain travel.
(Please review the Executive Order and the state website shared below for more detail)

The state of Connecticut has also created an out of state travel website that is updated regularly and provides important information and clarifying detail regarding the out of state travel requirements.

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base/Travel-In-or-Out-of-CT>

Understanding this order makes significant changes to the out of state travel protocols, DDS strongly recommends that providers review the executive order (as linked above) and the statewide out of state travel website to determine the appropriate agency-based protocols, human resource decisions for their staff and develop a process to share with families, if they choose to travel to one of the high risk states.

Thank you.