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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Health Department Notes Rise in Travel-Related COVID-19 Cases

The Allegany County Department of Health would like to caution residents again about travel to or from the portions of the United States currently experiencing an increase in COVID-19 cases. "Some of our quarantined/isolated contacts and cases have been linked to travel to some of the states listed in Governor Cuomo's Executive Order. This order mandates that anyone traveling from one of these 16 states, (Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Nevada, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Utah), must be placed on precautionary quarantine upon entering New York State. As the travel season continues to ramp up, we ask that all residents continue to use caution when making plans to other States that may have seen an increase in COVID-19 activity. Our office would like to remind residents that wearing a mask in public and when not able to maintain a 6ft separation, assists in limiting the spread of COVID-19 and has been studied to reduce the travel of respiratory droplets when sneezing, coughing, or talking," said Tyler Shaw, Deputy Public Health Director for the Allegany County Department of Health. "Please consider future travel plans carefully and if you do have to travel, and while away, please use caution, wear a mask anytime you are out in public, practice social distancing (stay 6 feet away from any human that isn't in your immediate household), and wash your hands frequently or use hand sanitizer while you are traveling. When you get home, please call our office (585) 268-9250, to be placed on precautionary quarantine and we will give you instructions on how to proceed," said Shaw. If any resident has a question about what States may be on this travel advisory list, please check this website for the most up to date information: https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory

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