

## Travel Order Guidelines

Based on the travel order given by Governor Baker, effective August 1st, all individuals arriving in Massachusetts, including Massachusetts residents who have left the state for anything more than transitory travel, **MUST quarantine for 14 days** unless they:

1. are coming from a lower-risk state, or
2. can produce, on request, proof of a negative test result for COVID-19 from a test administered on a sample taken no longer than 72 hours before their arrival in Massachusetts.

If an individual took a test prior to their arrival but has not received their negative result, they **MUST quarantine until they receive the negative result**. An individual may obtain a test at their own expense after their arrival in Massachusetts, but they **MUST quarantine until they obtain a negative result**. Anyone arriving from an international destination must quarantine for 14 days or meet the 72-hour testing rule.

### Testing as an Alternative to Quarantine

You do not need to quarantine for 14 days if you took a test for COVID-19 and have received a negative result. The specimen for the test must have been collected no longer than 72 hours before your arrival in Massachusetts, and the testing must be by a method approved by the **Massachusetts Department of Public Health**. Upon request, you must be able to demonstrate proof of the negative test result.

If you took a test prior to your arrival but have not received your negative result, you **MUST quarantine** until you receive the negative result. You may obtain a test at your own expense after your arrival in Massachusetts, but you **MUST quarantine** until you obtain a negative result. **Use the COVID-19 testing map to find a site near you.**

Information about approved molecular tests can be found in the **Department of Public Health Guidance**. A negative result from an antigen test must be confirmed by a negative result from an FDA EUA-approved molecular (PCR) SARS-CoV2 test, on a sample obtained 72 hours or less prior to arrival in Massachusetts. Serology tests will not be accepted.

Visitors are strongly urged to obtain a negative result before traveling to Massachusetts.

Testing for children, 10 years and younger, who are traveling with an adult from their household is not required.