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TO: All DOC Staff

FROM: 
Julie Martin, Deputy Secretary

SUBJECT: Non-Essential Travel Out of State – Using Public Transportation

The Department is committed to continue mitigating the spread of COVID-19 and we encourage staff to review the [CDC guidance on travel recommendations](#). On March 19, 2021, Governor Inslee [modified his travel advisory](#) related to COVID-19.

In accordance with the CDC travel recommendations and the Governor's travel advisory, the agency is directing all staff who choose to travel using public transportation going out of state for non-essential reasons to self-quarantine for 7-days upon return. This may be done via telework when possible. If not approved to telework, staff are to contact their Facility Testing Team and submit to a rapid antigen test upon return to work, prior to start of their shift and again on day three (3) and day seven (7). This testing is consistent with our current testing precautions and is available to staff without having to utilize their own leave.

There are several exemptions from this directive for testing prior to returning to work from out of state travel:

- Staff who have been fully vaccinated 14-days prior to travel, or
- Staff who were previously positive/infected with COVID-19 **AND** have recovered within 90-days of travel.

Thank you for your continued dedication to keeping everyone safe. It is important that we continue to socially distance, mask up, maintain hand hygiene, get vaccinated when available, and stay home if sick, and we encourage you to follow these practices while you're away from work.