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TRAVEL ADVISORY/RESTRICTIONS AND GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION 20-83

Dear Administrator/Provider/Superintendent:

In response to rising cases of COVID-19 across our state and the nation, Governor Jay Inslee issued a travel advisory for Washington urging people arriving in or returning to Washington state from interstate and international travel to self-quarantine to slow the spread of the virus. Follow this [link](#) to read the travel advisory and find instructions on how to effectively self-quarantine.

Governor Inslee also issued Proclamation 20-83, **ordering a 14-day quarantine** for anyone entering Washington State after visiting the United Kingdom, South Africa, and other countries where a new variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, 501Y.V, has been circulating. Follow this [link](#) to view Proclamation 20-83.

Health experts believe this new variant may be more transmissible than other variants. The order applies to anyone who has been present in these countries 14 days prior to returning to Washington State. An individual is permitted to leave quarantine to perform certain essential activities (for example, to seek medical treatment), provided that they avoid public transportation and ride-share services, wear a facial covering, separate themselves from other people to the greatest extent reasonably possible, and follow other appropriate social distancing measures. All individuals who are impacted by this order are strongly encouraged to be tested within seven days of returning to Washington.

The travel advisory and Governor's order pertains to all Washington residents and visitors, including all staff and residents of your facility or home, and all providers and clients. Please share this information with all staff, residents, and clients.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact the RCS Policy Unit at RCSPolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Mike Anbesse in black ink.

Mike Anbesse, Director
Residential Care Services

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