



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007  
EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 55

March 8, 2020

BAN ON NON-ESSENTIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”) has found that Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is present in at least 89 locations internationally; and

WHEREAS, to date, 12 New York City residents have been diagnosed with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City is dedicated to protecting the health and well-being of City employees and the public; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of New York, it is hereby ordered that:

Section 1. Protection of City workforce. It is vital that City government continues to function and serve its residents. Protecting the health of City employees and the public is critical as health officials continue to aggressively combat the spread of COVID-19 in the City.

Section 2. Ban on non-essential foreign travel. Therefore, subject to Section 4, employees of City agencies, as defined in section 1150 of the New York City Charter, shall be barred from non-essential foreign travel for official City business. This travel ban is effective immediately and will continue until further notice.

Section 3. Definition of non-essential foreign travel. Non-essential travel includes trips, such as public school field trips, that do not have a public health or safety purpose and/or trips that are not legally mandated.

Section 4. Limited Waiver Process. In limited cases, the Mayor, or his designee, may grant a waiver permitting City employees to undertake non-essential foreign travel for official City business.

Section 5. This Order shall take effect immediately.

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Bill de Blasio,  
MAYOR