

NH Judicial Branch Guidance Regarding Out-of-State Travel
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The Supreme Court encourages employees and judges to take vacation time this summer; the Justices authorized these guidelines for everyone's planning purposes. The Court acknowledges that broad guidelines cannot capture the complexity and detail required by the evolving public health guidelines in this pandemic and asks for everyone's patience and cooperation in applying these guidelines to their travel plans. Please work with the HR department if you have specific questions.

Note also that out-of-state travel can result in self-quarantine requirements; as you make travel plans, remember to obtain prior approval for leave time that would have to be taken to cover any post-travel self-quarantine periods.

These provisions will provide guidance about when it is safe to return to the workplace after travel:

- When self-quarantine is required prior to a return to the workplace, the standard period for self-quarantine is 14 days.
- Travel to a New England state or county by any mode of transportation will not require self-quarantine upon return.
- International travel and cruise ship travel will require self-quarantine before returning to the workplace.
- With respect to any domestic travel, employees and judges should follow the self-quarantine requirements in place at their destination.
- Upon return from domestic travel outside of New England, an employee or judge will not be required to self-quarantine before returning to the workplace, except when:
 - The employee or judge travels by a public mode of transportation (plane, bus, train); or,
 - The employee or judge travels to a state or county with a high rate of COVID-19 infection, or to a state or county determined to be a "hot spot" for the spread of COVID-19.
- For planning purposes, a "hot spot" is a zone colored orange or red on this website maintained by the Harvard Global Health Institute: <https://globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/>