

Vacation, Road Trips and COVID-19

Vacations and travel are definitely looking different this year. Many of us may be planning vacations and road trips vs. flying during this season of COVID-19. What's the good news? Road trippers will find gas prices the lowest they have been in 17 years!

Tips for Vacationing and Road Trips During COVID-19

- Take vacation and road trips with people you are already quarantining with.
- Be prepared to wear a mask while in public. Several states require wearing masks in public while others recommend it.
- Make lodging and hotel reservations directly with the hotel and in advance to avoid any possible complications.
- Check with The National Governors Association for up-to-date information on each state's COVID-19 related restrictions.
- Check with each state's transportation department website to identify any closed rest areas.
- Understand that some areas with tolls may be mailing a toll bill as some areas have changed to cashless tolls.
- Verify if the state you will be traveling to/from requires a post travel quarantine.
- Book accommodations with flexible change and cancellation policies.
- Look for health and hygiene amenities such as: contactless check-in and check-out, increased cleaning standards, an official statement regarding social distancing, a facemask requirement policy and enhanced COVID-19 awareness training for hotel staff.
- Travel local. Visit local, less visited places you've always meant to visit as a family.
- When traveling, check the state's Department of Health and Human Services to see if there has been a recent rise in COVID-19 cases in the state/area you will be visiting.
- Do your part and maintain social distancing and health safety practices.



Traveling by Air

If you are adventurous and want to vacation and travel by air, keep in mind that air travel may be different.

- You will be required to wear a mask.
- Flights are boarded back to front.
- Select a window seat, this will prevent you from coming in contact with everyone entering the plane.
- Airlines are booking packed flights—so you will be sitting very close to another person. At this time, Delta and Southwest are the only airlines blocking middle seats from bookings.
- Be prepared that airlines may not provide snacks and airport eatery and lounges may be closed.
- Despite the myth that cabin air is recycled, it actually isn't. The cabin air is filtered air from the outside.



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