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Travel Tips:
How to Build COVID-19 Testing into your Itinerary

Rhode Islanders planning to travel out of state should be mindful of any testing or quarantine requirements that may be in place at their destination. Some states require that visitors provide proof of a negative result from a PCR test taken within 3 days prior to arrival.

Appointments become available in Rhode Island's test scheduling portal seven days in advance. If you need to get tested before out-of-state travel, RIDOH recommends visiting portal.ri.gov 10 days before your departure. This timeframe helps ensure you can schedule a test and receive your results before you arrive at your destination.

The sample timeline below provides guidance on how you can incorporate testing into your travel plans. In this example, a Rhode Islander is planning to arrive at their destination on Saturday, July 10.

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**Thursday, July 1**
(10 days out):
Go to portal.ri.gov and schedule a PCR test. Since the negative result must be from a test taken within the three days prior to arrival, the test should be scheduled for the 7th. July 1 is the earliest day appointments for that date become available.

**Wednesday, July 7**
(three days out):
Receive a COVID-19 test. Rhode Islanders who schedule a traveler’s test will be notified of their results in two days.

**Friday, July 9**
(one day out):
Results can be accessed at portal.ri.gov/results. You will get an error message if you try to access this portal before your results are ready. Print your record or save it on a smart device.

**Saturday, July 10**
(day of travel):
Arrival at destination. Traveler is able to provide proof of a negative test result.

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Rhode Islanders should also visit portal.ri.gov to schedule a test upon their return from out-of-state travel. More information about quarantine and testing requirements for travelers is available at covid.ri.gov/travel.

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