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Commonwealth Makes Changes to States on Quarantine Advisory
The commonwealth has added Alaska, Indiana, and North Carolina to the list of states that Pennsylvania residents are urged to quarantine for 14 days upon their return. To view the advisory and the current list of states on the advisory, click here.

Department of Agriculture Releases COVID-19 Restaurant Enforcement Numbers
The state Department of Agriculture has released COVID-19 restaurant enforcement actions taken during the period of October 5 to 11. The information is specific to COVID-19 mitigation requirements for restaurants, including social distancing, masking, and occupancy limits. These numbers include actions taken during routine safety inspections and those prompted by complaints.

During this week, the Bureau of Food Safety issued two formal warning letters and no citations after performing 633 total inspections, 16 of which were complaint-driven and four of which were COVID-19-specific complaints. The bureau distributed 48 COVID-19 complaint-driven education letters and referred 24 COVID-19-related complaints to local and county health departments. A county-by-county breakdown can be found by clicking here.

Wolf Revises Mortgage/Rental Assistance Grant Program to After Election Day
By executive order, Gov. Tom Wolf is revising the existing COVID Relief Mortgage and Rental Assistance Grant Program to give landlords and mortgagees the option to reach agreements with renters and homeowners for repayment of rent and mortgage payments above the program’s $750 monthly cap, instead of requiring the forgiveness of the balance. In addition, requirements that households be 30 days behind on rent and provide proof of unemployment compensation applications will be waived. Wolf also extended the application deadline until Wednesday, November 4. Click here to learn more.