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**STATEMENT FROM NYC HEALTH COMMISSIONER DR. ALISTER MARTIN ON NEW YORK  
RESIDENTS RETURNING FROM THE MV HONDIUS CRUISE SHIP**

**NEW YORK, NY** – The New York City Health Department issued the following statement on behalf of New York City Health Commissioner Dr. Alister Martin following New York City resident disembarking the *MV Hondius* cruise ship:

“Today, three New York state residents who were passengers on the *MV Hondius* cruise ship arrived at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. One passenger is from New York City. All three are expected to be subject to a 42-day monitoring period.

The NYC Health Department is working in close coordination with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the New York State Department of Health, and other local health departments to monitor the situation. At this point we do not know how long these individuals will stay in Nebraska and whether or when those individuals will return to New York.

Currently the risk to New Yorkers remains extremely low. We will keep New Yorkers informed as we monitor and respond to the situation.”

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