

Dear Families,

On Saturday, October 31, 2020, [Governor Cuomo revised the State's guidelines on out-of-state travel and quarantine](#). New requirements regarding the travel ban went into effect on November 4, 2020.

For any travel to New York State from out of state, exempting the contiguous states, the new guidelines for travelers to test-out of the mandatory 14-day quarantine are below:

- For travelers (including NYS residents) who were in another state for **more than 24** hours:
 - Travelers must obtain a test **within three days of departure** from that state.
 - The traveler must, upon arrival in New York, quarantine for three days.
 - On day four of quarantine, **the traveler must obtain a second COVID test**. If both tests come back negative, the traveler may exit quarantine early upon receipt of the second negative diagnostic test.

- For travelers (including NYS residents) who were in another state for **less than 24** hours:
 - The traveler does not need a test prior to their departure from the other state, and does not need to quarantine upon arrival in New York State.
 - However, the traveler must fill out the [traveler information form](#) upon entry into New York State and take a COVID diagnostic test four days after their arrival in New York.

Local health departments will validate tests, if necessary, and if a test comes back positive, will issue isolation orders and initiate contact tracing.

These guidelines currently **do not apply** for travel to Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Vermont. However, these guidelines **do apply** for all other U.S. states and territories.

With the holiday season upon us, it is of vital importance to keep this information in mind. The next few months will be a test for us all, and we will need to work together to keep one another safe. I strongly encourage you to do everything you can to celebrate the holidays in a way that prevents further COVID-19 spread and allows us to keep our schools open.

Travel out of New York State is **highly discouraged**. However, if you do travel out of state, please abide by the following parameters:

- Students/families who travel outside of New York State must disclose this information to the District. Students will not be permitted to return to school until they comply with all testing requirements as outlined above. This is in accordance with Governor Cuomo's

October 31, 2020 COVID-19 Travel Advisory. This includes travel by plane or by ground transportation.

It is our job to ensure that our students have a consistent, safe learning environment. We take this responsibility seriously. We may be unable to accomplish this if families choose to travel out-of-state and, consequently, are required to remain at home due to mandatory quarantine. We ask that when making travel plans during this holiday season, you carefully consider the impact and disruption that your decision may have on our students.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and diligence to help keep us all safe and healthy. If you have any questions regarding the District's position specific to out-of-state travel, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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