

Travel (including Holiday Travel)

The Pennsylvania Department of Health's recent Order for Mitigation Relating to Travel takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, November 20, 2020, and remains in effect until further notice. This Order impacts any family planning to travel out of state during the upcoming holidays.

The Order requires that any Pennsylvania resident (including school-aged children) who return home from travel to another country and/or state(s) must:

- Present a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours before entering the Commonwealth or quarantine for 14 days upon entry into Pennsylvania.
- The Order does permit a traveler to end quarantine if he/she obtains a negative COVID-19 test after returning home, so long he/she has not been directly exposed to a positive or presumptive positive individual in the last 48 hours.
- Under this Order, if your family travels outside of Pennsylvania, regardless of whether the state you travel to is on the restricted travel list, the District must have proof that the student received a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of returning to Pennsylvania and confirmation that the child has not been exposed to a positive or presumptive positive individual in the last 48 hours.
- If the test result is negative, your child is not required to quarantine and may return to in-person school, so long he/she has not been directly exposed to a positive or presumptive positive individual in the last 48 hours.
- If your child does not get tested or is awaiting test results, under this Order, your child must quarantine for 14 days or until such time as a negative COVID-19 test result is received, whichever occurs first.

These requirements are in place for all out of state travel, even if your child is asymptomatic. During the time of quarantine, your child must attend school remotely.

There are specific exemptions under the Order for

- (a.) individuals traveling to and from the Commonwealth for the purposes of work,
- (b.) individuals traveling to and from the Commonwealth for medical reasons,
- (c.) military personnel traveling to the Commonwealth by order or directive of a state or federal military authority.

The District is required to follow this Order. Thus, the following actions are mandatory:

- 1) A Parent/Guardian must notify your child's Building Principal of any out-of-state travel plans, including the date that your child will return or has returned to Pennsylvania.
- 2) A Parent/Guardian must provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test result within 72 hours of the date child's return to Pennsylvania in order to return to in-person school, so long your child

has not been directly exposed to a positive or presumptive positive individual in the last 48 hours. If you are unable to provide this information, your child must quarantine for 14 days.

3) During any period of quarantine, your child must attend school remotely unless your child becomes too ill to do so.

Please adhere to all current and newly issued mandates to help students grow, learn, and achieve. We truly appreciate everyone's cooperation and assistance as we move into the Holiday Season. If you have any questions, please contact your child's School Office and/or Building Principal.

Have a great weekend and a safe holiday.