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COVID-19 PROCEDURES: TRAVEL AND HOLIDAY ADVISORY

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Next week we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. Many of us will be spending time with our families as part of an annual tradition, however, during this unprecedented time we can be putting ourselves and our families in jeopardy.

To save lives and prevent the spread of COVID-19, the State of New Jersey has issued an incoming travel advisory that all individuals entering New Jersey from states with a significant spread of COVID-19 should quarantine for 14 days after leaving that state.

Under the 14-day quarantine advisory announced by the Governors of New Jersey, New York and Connecticut, individuals traveling to or returning from states with increasing rates of COVID-19 are advised to self-quarantine for 14 days. This includes travel by train, bus, car, plane and other methods of transportation.

The 14-day quarantine travel advisory applies to travel from certain states identified as those that have a positive COVID-19 test rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents or have a 10% or higher positivity rate over a seven-day rolling average. Employees and families are responsible for checking the most up-to-date list before traveling.

In addition, any person that has traveled outside the United States, and has traveled to any country that is considered on the international list of countries that are Level 3-High Risk, must also quarantine for 14 days. Employees and families are responsible for checking the most up-to-date list before traveling: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>.

In an effort to keep the students and staff safe, any and all district employees and students who have traveled to any state, territory, or country that has been listed either on the state/territory advisory list or the Level 3 High Risk International List will be required to quarantine for 14 days prior to entering any district facility, school building, or school grounds. Testing negative for COVID-19, no matter what form of testing used, does not exempt individuals from the quarantine period. This includes any and all vacations scheduled during the school year.

We are asking you to inform your child's teacher and assistant principal if your child will need to quarantine for the weeks following Thanksgiving.

Have a happy, healthy Thanksgiving Holiday.

Sincerely,

Barbara Longo