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Dear Families:

As we look forward to welcoming our students back to school in just a few weeks, we wish to inform families who are planning to travel before the school year begins of certain quarantine requirements related to travel outside Connecticut.

Effective on July 21, 2020, Governor Lamont issued an Executive Order imposing a mandatory self-quarantine for individuals entering Connecticut after traveling to certain states (“Affected States”) that have recently experienced a high rate of COVID-19 infection. Executive Order 7III provides that all Affected Travelers must “self-quarantine for a period of fourteen days from the time of last contact with such Affected State, for any portion of such fourteen-day period they spend in Connecticut, or for the duration of such Affected Travelers’ stay in Connecticut, whichever is shorter.” Under Executive Order 7III, an “Affected Traveler” includes a person who has spent 24 hours or longer in an Affected State within 14 days prior to arriving in Connecticut.

Executive Order 7III further provides that, in rare circumstances, if an Affected Traveler is unable to self-quarantine for the required period, the self-quarantine requirement will not apply provided that the Affected Traveler has had a negative test result for COVID-19 in the 72 hours prior to arriving in Connecticut and provides written proof to the Commissioner of Public Health or her designee of such a result. If a test was obtained in the 72 hours prior to travel but the result is still pending at the time of arrival in Connecticut, such Affected Traveler must remain in self-quarantine in Connecticut until the test result is received and the written results are submitted to the Commissioner of Public Health or her designee.

Executive Order 7III is available for your reference at <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7III.pdf>

In accordance with Executive Order 7III, the Commissioner of Public Health has determined that, as of August 18, 2020, the following locations are encompassed by the travel restriction: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virgin Islands, Virginia, and Wisconsin. **The list of Affected States will be updated on a weekly basis as the situation develops across the country. Families will be responsible for consulting Connecticut’s Travel Advisory to determine whether any states have been added to, or removed from, the list. The travel advisory is available at <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/travel>.**

In addition, anyone entering from one of the identified states must fill out a travel health form upon arrival. Travelers can fill out the form online at ct.gov/travelform.

The Travel Advisory urges Connecticut residents to avoid travel to the Affected States whenever

possible because of the risk of contracting infection, and because of the need to self-quarantine on return. Please note, however, that any Connecticut resident traveling to an adjacent state (Massachusetts, New York, and Rhode Island) that is on the list of Affected States does not need to self-quarantine upon return to Connecticut if the visit to the adjacent state was less than 24 hours.

If you have recently traveled to any of the Affected States or plan to travel to any such state prior to the end of the school recess, please reach out to your building principal to discuss the appropriate steps for your child(ren) at the start of the school year.