

Family Travel Plan

To: Augusta School Department Families

From: Administration

As the holidays approach and we prepare to celebrate with family and friends, we want to make sure families that make plans to leave the state of Maine understand expectations when they return. Maine is currently exempting residents who visit Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, ~~Connecticut~~, ~~New York~~ and ~~New Jersey~~ from the quarantine and testing requirements.* Maine residents that visit non-exempt states are required to complete a 14 day quarantine or have a negative COVID test result within 72 hours upon the return to the state of Maine.

We are asking families to do the following:

- Contact the school nurse to let them know you are traveling to a state that is non-exempt from the quarantine and testing requirements, two weeks prior to your travel date.
- Discuss with your student's teacher or teachers to make learning plans for missed school days.
- We are encouraging families to utilize the option to have their children tested within the 72 hours upon their return to the state of Maine. Students will need to quarantine until the results of the test are available. Students will be able to return to school with a negative test result and not have to complete the 14 day quarantine. The test results need to be submitted to the school nurse before a child may return to school.
- When your family returns to the state of Maine, please continue to communicate with the school nurse, especially if a family member develops symptoms and/or receives a positive test result.
- If you have any questions, please speak to your school principal and/or school nurse.

We appreciate your understanding and willingness to follow the above guidelines as we continue to work together to be safe and healthy. Our hope is to continue to have schools open and staffed to educate our students.

Thank you!

*Updated based on Governor Mills' Executive Order November 1, 2020.