

Travel Policy

The holiday season will be different for Michiganders this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As many families begin to plan for holidays and travel, it is necessary to consider the safety and protection of our Sacred Heart community. We must be considerate of the high-risk people in our community, and it is necessary for each of us to be mindful of the risks of large gatherings, indoor gatherings and travel.

Thank you for pledging to protect the health and safety of others in our community. We ask you to continue to honor your commitment to making wise choices during the COVID-19 pandemic. Remember to review our screening questions each school day and answer honestly. **It is everyone's responsibility to ensure a safe and healthy campus environment.**

Academy of the Sacred Heart is asking families to use good judgement and consider community spread when planning for holidays and/or making travel arrangements.

Travel increases the chance of contracting and spreading COVID-19. All families must notify the school if you will be traveling to a high-risk area or internationally. Contact your child's learning community leader in advance of your travel.

It is not currently required by the CDC, but recommended that families quarantine for 14 days if traveling domestically (particularly if traveling to an area experiencing an outbreak) or internationally. Academy of the Sacred Heart requires families who travel internationally to quarantine for 14 days upon return.

If you travel during the school year, Academy of the Sacred Heart reserves the right to:

- Require a shift to remote learning
- Require proof of a recent, local, negative PCR test result

Families are asked to review the MDHHS publication, <u>"Traveling for the Holidays During COVID-19.</u>" As a reminder, the following safety measures help protect family and limit the spread of COVID-19:

- Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.
- Wear a mask when in large gatherings, indoor spaces, and public places.
- Per the MDHHS emergency epidemic order, indoor gatherings are limited to groups of 10 or fewer.
- Avoid close contact with anyone who is not in your household by staying at least 6 feet apart.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid contact with anyone who is sick.
- If you are sick, or have been exposed to a suspected or confirmed positive case of COVID-19, stay home.

This policy is effective as of Tuesday, November 3, 2020.