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Dear MCI Families and Employees,

I hope you all had meaningful parent/teacher meetings this past week – our first virtual conferences in the history of MCI. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we leveraged technology to the best of our abilities to meet with you; of course, in-person would have been preferred, but such is the nature of these challenging times.

At MCI, we continue to maintain restrictive transmission measures in the same ways the academic year began in September. Our protocol for international travel and/or out-of-state travel over the holiday breaks will be the same for the residential students as when we started the year. The safety of our students, employees, and families are at stake here. In two weeks, we will be heading into a break at Thanksgiving, and three weeks past that, we enter a two-week Christmas break. Traditionally, these times see increased travel and increased reunions with families – it is the very essence of these holidays. As you consider your time and what you will be doing over these breaks, I ask that you take the time to read the following guidelines to help us keep our community safe.

- 1) Travel: The state of Maine offers this [guideline](#) for travel to and from the state. These are guidelines and expectations whether you are receiving visitors and/or if you are traveling out of the state. Governor Mills recently revoked NY, NJ, and CT from quarantine exemptions. Some other safety tips from “*Keep Maine Healthy FAQ’s*” are [here](#).
- 2) Hosting: The CDC recommends the following [guidelines](#) should you decide to host gatherings at your home and/or at a different venue. These are guidelines and expectations necessary to keep everyone as safe as possible in social settings.

We have worked diligently with our students and with our employees to keep everyone healthy and safe despite the recent surges and increased cases nationally and within the state – we do not want to lose it now.

Thank you in advance for heeding to the expectations from both the Federal and State governments. We take this very seriously, and I can assure you that expectations are the same for all of our employees.

Let’s all enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday season. And please continue conducting your home health checks BEFORE sending your child to school – if you suspect that she/he may be sick, err on the side of caution and keep them home!

All the Best,

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Head of School