

## HOLIDAY TRAVEL GUIDELINES

Malden Catholic, in accordance with a basic tenet of our Xaverian Brothers mission, calls each of us to care for one another and in doing so to understand that our actions may impact the school community.

We understand the need to gather as a family over the holidays, so rather than asking you to limit your family time together, we have decided instead that the entire school will learn remotely from **November 30- December 9** in order to mitigate possible transmission upon a return to campus. We will also be remote following the Christmas recess from **January 4- 18**. We recommend that you do not travel to high risk states or hold large gatherings in your homes.

### School Phase Dates

**November 1- 24: YELLOW**

*November 25- 29: Thanksgiving Holiday*

**November 30- December 9: RED**

**December 10- 18: YELLOW**

*December 19- January 3: Christmas Recess*

**January 4- January 18: RED**

**January 19: Return to YELLOW Phase.**

### Culture of Health and Safety

Malden Catholic High School seeks to maintain a Culture of Health and Safety within our school community as we move forward toward the Holiday Season.

We remain committed to providing in-person learning experiences for as many students as possible. At the same time, we are dedicated to doing the best we can to mitigate risk and to decrease possibilities for the transmission of illness as people move indoors and travel more for the holidays.

We remind all school community members of the following policy that must always be observed and is the cornerstone of our Covid-19 Policy:

- Complete a daily attestation
- Wear a mask (covering nose and mouth) at all times
- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet

- Sanitize hands and hard surfaces on a regular basis
- Stay home if you are not feeling well

### **Travel to and from “High Risk” States**

This policy is effective immediately and the policy applies to all travel or sport/activities to “high risk” states and/or the hosting of guests from “high risk” states by students, faculty, and staff. Malden Catholic requests that all students, faculty, and staff notify the School Nurse on any plans to travel to states that are listed as “high risk” or the hosting of any guests from states that are listed as high risk at least seven (7) days prior to the planned travel or hosting. To determine if a state is high-risk please visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order#lower-risk-states>. You will need to follow the instructions on that page to file a Commonwealth of Massachusetts Travel form, and you will be expected to quarantine for 14 days or present two negative test results within 7 days of any “high risk” activity.

Travel to high risk states and large gatherings may put others at risk in our community. Therefore, to provide the entire community with the most protection available, we will ask that you provide to the School Nurses 2 PCR tests with negative results. These tests should be 4 days apart to determine the most accurate status of possible infection. The first PCR test should be as soon as you return to Massachusetts or when your out of state guests leave your home. The second PCR test would then take place 4 days later. All test results must be turned into the School Nurses in writing. During this time period, the student will remain learning remotely until both test results are turned into the School Nurses.

Malden Catholic High School would like to remind students and their families that the School does not accept Rapid Antigen Tests for Covid-19. Malden Catholic High School will only accept PCR testing for Covid-19. A reminder that all Covid-19 test results must be submitted to the School Nurses.

The school is currently exploring the administering of Covid-19 Saliva testing upon return to campus following the Christmas recess.

### **Confidentiality and Sharing Personal Information Related to Covid-19**

Due to the nature of Covid-19, Malden Catholic does not offer confidentiality for any health information shared with a faculty or staff member. Employees of schools have a responsibility to share such information to ensure the health and safety of our campus community. The School will only share information with faculty and staff on a need-to-know basis. The School understands and respects the need for privacy but must balance that need with our responsibility to act on behalf of the community public health.