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To families of the Westport Community Schools,

As we continue to monitor and assess the COVID-19 pandemic in the Town of Westport and within our schools, we would like to share the most up-to-date health and safety guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and remind everyone of the need to quarantine upon returning home if traveling to areas outside of the state.

Students who travel to states other than Hawaii should not enter any of our school buildings if they have not quarantined or obtained a negative test result upon their return. Students traveling to and from states other than Hawaii must complete a [travel form](#) and quarantine for 14 days or obtain a negative COVID-19 test result from a sample taken within 72 hours of arrival in Massachusetts.

Any student 11 years and older is required to be tested.

For the most up to date information on the state's travel restrictions, [click here](#).

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), traveling out of state increases one's potential to be exposed to COVID-19 and of potentially spreading it to others. Staying home and limiting your contact with those outside of your household are the best ways to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

We are urging everyone to continue to be cautious and follow health and safety guidelines. We also ask families to consider lower risk alternatives to travelling and attending gatherings. Anyone who may consider traveling or attending gatherings should also be mindful of the Commonwealth's [travel order](#) and gathering restrictions.

Students and staff of the Westport Community Schools are asked to follow testing guidelines if they travel out of state, and are reminded that, according to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), any time you are around people from outside of your household you should:

- Wear a face covering, except when eating or drinking.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water.
- Practice social distancing and maintain 6 feet of distance from others.
- Be cognizant of those around you who may be at a higher risk of serious illness from COVID-19, including older adults and those with certain medical conditions.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we all do our part to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our school community.

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