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Dear Seaford School Community,

I hope this message finds you and your family safe and healthy. While this year has been unconventional, I am proud of how our students, faculty and staff have made the best of the situation. The classrooms may look a bit different and the safety procedures more stringent, but the learning and the personal connections remain the same.

However, as you may have noticed, there has been a recent uptick in positive COVID-19 cases throughout Nassau County and across the United States. In November, we have already seen 7 positive cases in our District. In order to continue to provide in-person instruction, our community will need to adhere to safety precautions and restrict personal gatherings. Therefore, we are appealing to the Seaford Community to only travel out of New York State if it is absolutely necessary over the next few months.

Trying to combat the increase of cases, New York State put into place a number of restrictions. Regarding travel, New York State has announced the following <u>travel advisory</u> and <u>Interim Guidance for Quarantine Restrictions on Travelers Arriving in New York State Following Out of State Travel</u>. For any traveler to New York State from a noncontiguous state, U.S. territory or CDC level 2 or level 3 country, the new guidelines for travelers to test-out of the mandatory 14-day quarantine are listed below:

For travelers who were out-of-state for more than 24 hours:

- Travelers must obtain a test within three days of departure, prior to arrival in New York.
- The traveler must, upon arrival in New York, quarantine for three days.
- On day 4 of their quarantine, the traveler must obtain another COVID test. If both tests come back negative, the traveler may exit quarantine early upon receipt of the second negative diagnostic test.

For travelers who were out-of-state for less than 24 hours:

- The traveler does not need a test prior to their departure from the other state, and does not need to quarantine upon arrival in New York State.
- However, the traveler must fill out our <u>traveler form</u> upon entry into New York State, and take a COVID diagnostic test 4 days after their arrival in New York.

Please remember that NYS guidelines and procedures are continuously changing and the above information is upto-date as of November 12. Please be sure to visit the state website for the most current information. The New York State Coronavirus website can be accessed at <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/jhs.200

We are grateful to our community for its commitment and support of our schools. We know this is a difficult situation. The holidays are meant to be spent with families, and this year will be a little different. However, in order to continue offering in-person learning for our students, we must all work together and follow the recommended health guidance.

I wish you all a healthy and happy holiday season. Please be well and stay safe.

Yours in Seaford Pride, Adele V. Pecora Adele V. Pecora, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools