

## North Greenbush Common School District

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Memo To: Little Red Parents/Guardians

From: Christine Hamill, Superintendent

Date: November 4, 2020

Re: Out-of-State/International Travel

You may have heard that on Saturday, October 31, 2020, Governor Cuomo revised the State's position on out-of-state travel and quarantine. [See Governor Cuomo's Travel Advisory, October 31, 2020.](#)

New requirements regarding the travel ban will go into effect on November 4, 2020 as follows:

For any travel to New York State from out of state, exempting the contiguous states, the new guidelines for travelers to test-out of the mandatory 14-day quarantine are below:

- For travelers (including NYS residents) who were in another state for more than 24 hours:
  - Travelers must obtain a test within three days of departure from that state.
  - 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 (including NYS residents) who were in another 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 the traveler information form upon entry into New York State, and take a COVID diagnostic test 4 days after their arrival in New York.

Local health departments will validate tests, if necessary, and if a test comes back positive, will issue isolation orders and initiate contact tracing.

As previously stated, the North Greenbush Common School District has worked with fidelity to ensure that our students, faculty and staff are safe and remain healthy to the best of our ability during this global health pandemic. To this end, I want to proactively inform you of the District's expectations regarding the new out-of-state travel ban that goes into effect November 4, 2020.

With an abundance of caution, travel out of New York State is highly discouraged. However, if you do travel out of state, please heed the following parameters:

- Students/families who travel outside of New York State must disclose this information to the school their child attends. Students will not be permitted to return to school until they comply with all testing requirements as outlined above. This is in accordance with Governor Cuomo's October 31, 2020 COVID-19 Travel Advisory. This includes travel by plane or by ground transportation. This does not include incidental travel (less than 24 hours) or travel to Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

If the New York State travel advisory is modified again, the District will reexamine its expectations and communicate any revisions to the parameters accordingly.

It is our job to ensure that our students have a consistent, safe learning environment and we take this responsibility seriously. We may be unable to accomplish this if families choose to travel out-of-state and, consequently, are required to remain at home due to mandatory quarantine. We ask that when making travel plans during this school year, you carefully consider the impact and disruption that your decision may have on our students who have already lost so much.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and diligence to help keep us all safe and healthy.