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SPRING BREAK TRAVEL GUIDELINES FOR FAMILIES

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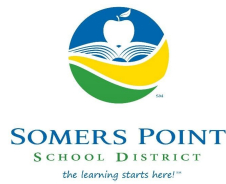
With the District's Spring Break quickly approaching, we are aware that many staff and families have planned travel. The NJ Department of Health provided updated guidelines on March 23rd and we have reviewed these documents along with our school physician. We have worked tirelessly to remain open for in-person instruction and made successful next steps just within the last three weeks. We are three weeks into 5 days of in-person instruction for our elementary students and staff are resilient and flexible as ever. Our District is proud of our successful expansion, whether in person or virtual, and we look forward to continuing through the remainder of the year.

In order to finish the year strong with all of our students learning five days per week, we have made the incredibly difficult decision for the week following Spring Break. **The Somers Point School District will move to all virtual instruction during the week of April 12th - April 16th.** While we have worked very hard this year to remain open and provide consistency in student learning, yet there are several factors that ultimately forced our decision:

- As you may be aware, spring break is a time that many staff and families travel. We have been made aware that this is occurring with many of our Staff and families, which causes us to take precautionary measures to mitigate a spike in cases following the Spring Break.
- The New Jersey Department of Health released guidance for Recommended Minimum Quarantine Times and new guidance for schools on March 23rd. This guidance outlines several measures including:
 - All travelers (including essential workers such as healthcare personnel) should continue to follow all New Jersey and CDC travel recommendations. This includes:
 - Individuals who are fully vaccinated, OR
 - Persons who clinically recovered from COVID-19 in the past 3 months.

QUARANTINE DETAILS:

1. Students and staff **DO NOT** need to self-quarantine upon their return to New Jersey if they travel to the immediate region of Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, and Delaware.
2. Students and staff **MUST** self-quarantine upon their return to New Jersey, if they travel beyond the immediate region noted above, even if they have had a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the last 90 days.
3. Students and staff that are fully vaccinated **MUST** self-quarantine upon their return to New Jersey, if they travel beyond the immediate region noted above, if they are fully vaccinated (> 2 weeks out from the last dose in their series).
- 4. Students and Staff that travel beyond the immediate region, including out of the country and Florida, will need to self-quarantine upon their return based on the following guidelines:**



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- a. Travelers should consider getting tested with a viral test (not an antibody test) 1-3 days before the trip and again 3-5 days after the trip.
- b. If travelers test positive before the trip, they should **self-isolate for at least 10 days and should postpone travel during that time.**
- c. If travelers test positive upon their return, they should **self-isolate for at least 10 days before returning to in-person instruction at the school.**
- d. If travelers test negative upon their return, they should **quarantine for a full 7 days after travel before returning to in-person instruction at the school.**
- e. If testing upon the student's return is not available (or if the results are delayed) or if the student chooses not to get tested, they should **quarantine for 10 days before returning to in-person instruction at the school.**

With this information received this week, **all students will attend classes virtually between April 12th - April 16th and will follow their Virtual Schedules.** More information will be forthcoming from the building principals. We are frustrated with the timing of the guidance and will continue to monitor any updates that may come. *This information is subject to change based on any new information that may come from the state.* This current approach, however, best protects the health, safety, and welfare of our students, Staff, and school community, as we continue to follow the guidance of the State of New Jersey and the New Jersey Department of Health. Thank you as always for your continued support.

If your child is COVID-19 Positive or you have traveled out of the region, you can report that at the following link → [LINK TO REPORT COVID-19 STUDENT CASE/ OUT OF REGION TRAVEL](#)

Educationally Yours,

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