



Farrell Area School District

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MEMORANDUM

TO: STUDENTS/FAMILIES
FROM: SUPERINTENDENT/BUILDING PRINCIPAL

RE: Pennsylvania Department of Health Order for Mitigation Relating to Travel

I am writing to make you and your family aware of the Pennsylvania Department of Health's recent Order for Mitigation Relating to Travel which takes effect at **12:01 a.m. on Friday, November 20, 2020** and remains in effect until further notice. This Order impacts you if you are planning to travel out of state during the upcoming holidays.

The Order requires that Pennsylvania residents who return home from travel to other countries and states have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to entering the Commonwealth or quarantine for 14 days upon entry into Pennsylvania. The Order does permit a traveler to end quarantine if they receive a negative COVID-19 test after returning home.

Under this Order, if you travel outside of Pennsylvania, regardless of whether the state you travel to is on the restricted travel list, the District will require proof that the student received a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of returning to Pennsylvania. If the test result is negative, the student is not required to quarantine and can return to in-person school. If the student did not get tested or is awaiting test results, under the Order the student must quarantine for 14 days or until such time as a negative COVID-19 test result is received, whichever occurs first. During the quarantine the student must attend school remotely.

These requirements are in place for all out of state travel, even if you are asymptomatic.

There are specific exemptions under the Order for (a.) individuals travelling to and from the Commonwealth for the purposes of work, (b.) individuals travelling to and from the Commonwealth for medical reasons, (c.) military personnel travelling to the Commonwealth by order or directive of a state or Federal military authority.

The Farrell Area School District is required to follow this Order. Accordingly, you must notify your building principal of any out-of-state travel before the student returns to school and provide the District with the date that the student returned to Pennsylvania. You must provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of the date the student returned to Pennsylvania in order to return to in-person school. If you are unable to provide this information, the student must quarantine for 14 days or obtain a test and provide proof of the negative result prior to returning to in-person school. During any period of quarantine, the student must attend school remotely unless the student becomes too ill to do so.

Please let me know or let your building principal know if you or your family have any questions about this Order.