

November 16, 2020

Re: Upcoming Thanksgiving Recess Travel Plans

Good Afternoon Avon Middle School Families,

With the Thanksgiving holiday and recess approaching, we are attempting to gain a better understanding of the impact that the current travel restrictions and quarantine orders may have on our student attendance following the long weekend.

The Connecticut Travel Advisory website provides regular updates to the travel restrictions currently in place. We ask that you please review this website for your planning purposes.

<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/travel>

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 9I, any individual, known as an “affected traveler” who travels to an “affected state” or “affected country” shall self-quarantine for a period of fourteen days from the time of last contact with such “affected state” or such “affected country.” As part of the Executive Order 9I, an “affected traveler” is exempt from the self-quarantine requirement if he or she has had a test for COVID-19 in the seventy-two hours prior to arrival in Connecticut or at any time following arrival in Connecticut, and the result of such COVID-19 test is negative. The “affected traveler” must also submit written proof of the negative test result to the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health. Only results for nucleic acid COVID-19 tests, such as reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) tests, shall be accepted. If a test was obtained in the seventy-two hours prior to arrival in Connecticut, or following arrival in Connecticut, and such “affected traveler” has not yet received his or her test results, such “affected traveler” shall remain in self-quarantine while in Connecticut until a negative test result is submitted to the Commissioner or her designee.

If you are traveling to an affected area and choose the testing alternative, test results will need to be received by the school nurse’s office prior to the start of the school day on Monday, November 30 if your child is returning that day. Otherwise the student will need to quarantine until you receive the test results and submit them to the nurse’s office.

**As Superintendent Carnemolla stated last week, we ask that you notify your child’s school nurse by email if you are planning to travel to an affected area during this recess so that we can effectively plan for the coming weeks.** Likewise, our nurses can assist with questions about quarantine and testing alternatives.

We wish you a healthy and happy Thanksgiving.

Dave Kimball  
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