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CLS COVID Travel Policies

COVID continues to be an ever-changing situation. Across the country, some states have very high rates of community transmission as well as high hospitalization rates. Other areas are faring better. At the same time, COVID precautions vary wildly from state to state. Some states or counties are requiring universal masking and are employing capacity restrictions and social distancing protocols, while other areas have few protections in place. This can make travel out of our area particularly risky.

At CLS, our goal is to provide safe, in-person instruction for the entire 2021-2022 school year. This requires vigilance on everyone's part to protect the school community. I know that people are ready for a slice of "normal." Many of us have cancelled or rescheduled travel because of COVID concerns. At the same time, some families are starting to plan school year travel. In order to keep the school community safe and continue normal instruction, the following travel policies go into effect this Friday, September 17th.

--If you are traveling to a destination where social distancing is not possible, your student must quarantine and test after you return home. They can have a PCR test on day five after your return from travel, and can return to school with negative PCR results. Destinations where social distancing cannot be maintained include: large amusement parks and resorts like Disney and Universal; large indoor concert or sports venues; large indoor wedding receptions; conventions; or other crowded indoor events.

--If you are traveling to a destination that is labeled a "high risk" of community transmission by the CDC during the dates of your travel, your child must quarantine and test after your return home. They can have a PCR test on day 5 after your return from travel and can return to school with negative PCR results. You can find information about the current risk of transmission for your domestic travel destination at the CDC website here:

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

You can enter the state and county or metro area to which you are traveling to determine whether or not that area is considered high risk at your time of travel.

If you are traveling out of the country, you can find the risk status of any other country here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>

We understand that quarantine can be inconvenient. However, ensuring the safety of our school community and keeping our school open for in-person instruction are the greater good. We are counting on each of you to be forthright about your travel plans and to implement the quarantine and PCR test procedures if your travel plans meet the above criteria. If circumstances change, we will re-evaluate the policy and communicate any changes. Thank you for your support and cooperation.