



February 9, 2021

Dear SMSD Families,

As the February break approaches, we recognize some families may be considering traveling outside of New York State. As you plan, please keep the following information in mind as it impacts your return. If you will be traveling to a non-contiguous state (any state other than Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, or Vermont), U.S. territory, or CDC level 2 or higher country for more than 24 hours, you will be subject to a 10-day quarantine upon your return to New York State, unless you meet all criteria for an early test out.

To summarize the [New York State Travel Advisory guidance](#) to test out of the 10-day travel quarantine:

1. The traveler must obtain a test within 72 hours prior to return to New York.
2. The traveler must quarantine for 3 days upon arrival to New York.
3. On day 4 of the 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.

The full Travel Advisory can be found online: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>

Please note that, if you travel to a non-contiguous state, US territory, or CDC level 2 and higher country for less than 24 hours, you are not required to quarantine, but you must still fill out the and submit the [NYS traveler form](#) online upon re-entry into New York and take a COVID-19 test four days after arrival in New York. This form can be found via the following link: <https://traveler.health.ny.gov/>

It is important to note that, at this time, the state has not announced an exemption from the travel quarantine for individuals who have received a COVID-19 vaccine or who previously tested positive for COVID-19 (within a 90 day period or otherwise).

I share this information so we can all continue to work together to protect our community's health and safety.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy M. Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Tim.....We believe in the dedication and talents of our staff and students! We are Nationally Accredited!

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