Dear Marathon Parents,

As we move forward toward next week’s Winter Recess, we have received questions surrounding students that will be traveling out of New York State and what that means for student attendance the week of February 22nd. If your family plans to travel over February break, please review the following guidelines to know when your child can return to school.

**Travel and the Potential Effect on Student In-School Attendance**

If a student travels to a non-contiguous state, US territory or CDC level 2 or higher country, for **more than 24 hours**, they must first obtain a COVID-19 diagnostic test within 3 days of departure, prior to arrival in New York. Upon returning to New York, they are required to serve a mandatory quarantine period of 3 days. On the 4th day of quarantine, they must obtain another COVID-19 diagnostic test. If both diagnostic tests are negative, they may come out of quarantine and return to school.

For travel to a non-contiguous state for **less than 24 hours**, a student will not need to obtain testing before they return and do not have to quarantine upon returning to New York. However, they are required to complete a [Traveler Health Form](#) upon entry into New York and obtain a COVID-19 diagnostic test 4 days after they return before returning to school.

Any student that does not obtain the required COVID-19 diagnostic test(s) as outlined above is required to quarantine after arriving in New York for the full 10-day period. Students will not be eligible to return to school until the 10-day quarantine is complete.

**Travel to contiguous states**—i.e., Vermont, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania—is exempt from the travel restrictions.

If a student is traveling over February break to a non-continuous state, contact the main office or the nurse’s office to arrange for missed school work. If you have any additional questions surrounding family travel, and its potential impact on student attendance, please feel free to reach out to your child’s building principal. Take care and thank you for entrusting us with your child’s education.

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