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Dear Tenafly Families:

With the holiday season beginning soon, I write to remind our District's families that we strongly discourage travel to any location the New Jersey government designates a COVID-19 hotspot. For a list of these locations, please visit: [COVID-19 Information Travel Advisory](#). Travelers returning from any of the designated states must quarantine for 14 days, regardless of whether they obtain a negative COVID-19 test result. Because COVID-19 is highly transmissible, and because an outbreak would be greatly disruptive to the school environment and dangerous to students and staff, the Board takes this quarantine environment very seriously.

The greatest risk, of course, is exposing yourself and your loved ones to the virus. But also be aware that students in the 14-day travel period will not be allowed to return to in-person instruction.

Families traveling to a hotspot state will need to contact their school and enroll in full virtual instruction PRIOR to the travel so that the school and teacher can prepare accordingly. Transition back to in-person instruction must then be done in accordance with Policy 1648.02 and via the required form, available on our website: *Form for Transition from Full Virtual to In-person Instruction*.

Additionally, a family's decision to travel on school days does not include the opportunity for students to continue learning virtually. Students will not be enrolled temporarily in the full virtual program because they will be travelling. Such travel will be treated as days absent, and such absences must be reported to the school. All policies regarding make-up work will apply.

Please be mindful of how your travel to a hotspot state may interrupt your child's educational program.

Thank you all for your commitment to the Tenafly Public Schools. With your support and cooperation, we will meet the challenges ahead.

Stay well and enjoy the upcoming holidays in safe fashion with your families and friends.

Very truly yours,

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