



**From: Dr. Peter S. Lewis, Head of School
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Dear Winston School Community:

As we move towards the Thanksgiving and winter vacation holidays, I wanted to remind us all of the regulations for “re-entry to school” as mandated by the NJ Department of Health. New Jersey maintains a Travel Advisory List that identifies states where it is necessary to self-quarantine after travel to or from these states. Returning from traveling to these states will require you to go into self-quarantine for fourteen days. This includes all travel by any means, including personal vehicles. While the criteria for essential travel exists, regardless of the reason for travel and irrespective of where one stays or visits, the obligation to comply with self-quarantine after traveling to a state on the advisory list is expected. The advisory does not apply when individuals pass through a designated advisory state for a limited duration of less than 24 hours. Two important notes:

1. As soon as possible, please contact the main office through Leeann (ldetaranto@winstonschool.org) by e-mail and share your anticipated travel plans for these holiday periods (if you are traveling to a state on the quarantine list) so that we can plan internally for the potential of additional students being in class remotely during these 14 day self-quarantine periods.

2. Important clarification from our school nurse: the 14 day self-quarantine requirement is a standard protocol that all schools and organizations are holding to; the question emerged as to the following scenario: “If my child and members of my family have traveled to a state on the self-quarantine list, and upon arrival home we get tested and our results are negative, are we then able to come back to

school in person before the 14 day quarantine period is completed?” The answer is “NO.” Even though you might test negative for Covid-19, you still need to maintain the full 14-day self-quarantine requirement that has been firmly established by the Department of Health.

As I noted in my letter of last week: “We as a school community are indeed fortunate that our programs and our interactions have been positive and fulfilling...Life at Winston has not been easy but our days at school have become regularized, upbeat and enjoyable. With these words of praise, however, come the admonition to us all that we must not take our successes to date for granted; we must understand fully the possible circumstances that might lie in wait; and overall, we must remain vigilant and smart as we work steadfastly through each day of school in session.”

Our community has truly worked together in maintaining a safe and responsible environment at school as we have remained fully compliant with protocols and procedures for protecting the health and wellness of our students, staff and families. Attaining the overarching goal of maintaining and further ensuring safety and wellness on campus is a shared responsibility for all of us—students, staff and parents—and it is vital for us all to hold to our high standards of compliance with consistency, and at the same time foster and support without question our own conscientious behaviors inside and outside of school. Our shared values and shared experiences are more important than ever before as we work together on behalf of one another.

Please continue to send me via e-mail (plewis@winstonschool.org) your questions since the following compilation of questions comes from the many conversations I have had over the past month with parents, students and staff. They are helpful, pertinent and illuminating.