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Dear Families and Staff,

Due to the many questions about testing and traveling during the holiday season, we would like to remind you all of the [COVID-19 guidelines for testing and traveling](#).

The **COVID-19 PCR** test is the most accurate diagnostic test for identifying a current COVID-19 infection. It may take up to a week for results in some locations depending on the demand for testing. Dartmouth Public Schools is not accepting antigen test results. You must receive the COVID-19 PCR test or quarantine as dictated in the guidance. To view a list of [free testing sites](#), click on the hyperlink provided.

If you are traveling, please follow the Massachusetts Travel Order guidelines:

When traveling to a high-risk state (those coded as [restricted](#)), you must:

- Complete the “[Massachusetts Travel Form](#)”, **and** receive a negative COVID test result.

OR

- Quarantine for 14 days.

If you have traveled to a [low risk state](#), no quarantining or testing is required at this time.

All adults and children 11 and older will need a COVID test or quarantine for 14 days as stated in the travel order. Testing for children 10 years and younger, who are traveling with an adult from their household, is not required. If the child is not being tested due to age, they must quarantine with the household while awaiting family COVID test results.

Test results should be submitted to the School Nurse before returning to school/work. Please **do not** send your child to school or come to work without confirmation that the test results have been received. Thank you for helping to keep our school community safe.

Regards,
Dartmouth Public School Nurses

Wash your hands. Wear your face covering. Keep your distance. Stay home when sick.