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Dear Parents,

On behalf of our community and our schools, I want to commend you on your vigilance in ensuring that daily health screenings are honored prior to sending your children to school. Keeping children home when they are unwell has never been so important. Your actions thus far have proven to be highly effective in keeping our school buildings healthy and open in service to our communities.

As we enter the holiday season during these extraordinary times, the health of our community and our schools remains a central concern. We urge you to follow Maine CDC guidelines regarding gatherings and travel. We appreciate that disruptions to our traditions are vast and disappointment runs deep as we each make adjustments to our plans in order to support the health of our families and communities.

Regarding travel specifically, for families who travel to a State or area which is not exempt from quarantine/testing requirements, it is the expectation that quarantine periods be rigorously respected before returning to in-person learning in RSU57 schools.

Per the office of the Governor:

- Effective November 4, 2020, people traveling from New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut are no longer exempt from Maine's quarantine or negative test requirement. People coming here from these states must either quarantine for 14 days or receive a negative COVID-19 test with a sample taken less than 72 hours from arrival in Maine, quarantining while awaiting test results. This protocol includes Maine residents returning from one of the non-exempt states.
- New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts remain exempt from the 14-day quarantine or negative test requirement, although the Administration is closely evaluating public health metrics in Massachusetts and may reinstate the quarantine or negative test requirement if trends do not improve.

For complete and current information regarding Maine's COVID-19 travel mandates, please click [here](#). If you have travel to report or questions regarding travel, please reach out to your school nurse who will be happy to assist you in navigating a safe return to in-person learning.

Wishing you and yours a safe and healthy holiday season.

Best regards,

Larry Malone  
Superintendent of Schools