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Airline, Dedham and Orrington School Departments



Dear Airline, Dedham and Orrington Families,

12/21/2020

Let me start by saying thank you for all you have done this year to allow us to provide our students in-person learning. The partnership between the school, community and students is strong and has allowed us to maximize student's academic growth while maintaining safety for all. This has been a difficult year for everyone and your continued support is what has allowed us to stay in session. I am resending the letter (below) on travel from the Thanksgiving week with updated guidance as regulations have changed.

We are currently facing a significant increase in the cases of COVID-19 throughout Maine which has concurrently resulted in an increased number of temporary school closures and quarantines of students and staff. Many people will travel to see each other over the next two weeks and enjoy some well deserved time together. The Maine Center for Disease Control (MCDC) is reminding us to be careful when visiting other homes or hosting others within our own household.

If you travel outside of Maine, please be aware that the exempt state list and most recent travel guidance may be found on the state's website: [Travel Guidance FAQ](#). In following the Maine state guidance, if you travel outside of Maine to a non-exempted state, please plan for COVID-19 testing and provide the necessary documentation to the school nurse upon your return. Alternatively, if you plan to complete a 10 day quarantine before returning to school please contact your school's main office to let us know your plans. Further information may be found at: [Travel Updates](#)

We continue to remain vigilant and follow the guidelines in order to have our students in our buildings. Please continue to conduct student screening at home before your child leaves for school. The daily checklist for symptom screening may be found here: [Pre-Screening Tool](#). Our hope is to reduce the need for any school shutdowns

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and minimize the need for students, families and staff to quarantine. If you find out you or your family has had exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please contact your school as soon as possible and keep your child home. General COVID-19 information may be obtained by dialing 211. If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact your school's main office, located below:

Airline 584-3012

Dedham 843-6498

Orrington 825-3697

The holiday season often brings additional stressors to families, this year more than ever. If you are concerned with how your child is doing emotionally you can contact the [NAMI MAINE HELPLINE](https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/about/contact/hotlines). Their number is **800-464-5767, press 1** ([helpline@namimaine.org](mailto:helpline@namimaine.org)). Here is a link with additional hotline numbers: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/about/contact/hotlines> Their direct number is (207)287-3703. You are encouraged to let your school know if you or your child(ren) are experiencing difficulty, we are here to help. You can use the number 2-1-1 to get general information regarding the Coronavirus outbreak in Maine. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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