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8451.10 Mandated 14-Day Quarantine For Individuals Returning from Identified States

1. Introduction

The Hopewell Valley Regional School District believes that it is the district's responsibility to support state efforts to prevent and contain the spread of communicable disease in our school community. The State of New Jersey has instituted a travel advisory which dictates that all individuals entering New Jersey from other U.S. states and jurisdictions that are experiencing a significant spread of COVID-19 should quarantine for 14-days after leaving that state or jurisdiction.

For the purpose of this policy, the Board has determined that the term "individual" will include students, faculty and district staff members.

In accordance with the state's advisory, the district mandates a 14-day self quarantine for any student who travels to or returns to New Jersey from a state(s) with increasing rates of COVID-19. This includes travel by train, bus, car, plane or any other method of transportation.

This mandated self-quarantine period must be completed prior to the individual returning to school. Full compliance is expected.

Individual(s) who are subject to the conditions of the aforementioned New Jersey state travel advisory must notify district officials prior to or immediately upon their entrance/return to New Jersey.

2. Identified Areas

The 14-day quarantine applies to travel from certain states identified as those that have a positive COVID-19 test rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents or have a 10% or higher positivity rate over a seven-day rolling average ("impacted states."). These states have been identified and continue to be update by the State of New Jersey and an updated list is available here:

3. Notification

1. Individuals returning from an identified area(s) are expected to contact the school nurse in the building where the child is enrolled and complete a district notification form.
2. Families are asked to complete the State of New Jersey [voluntary online survey](#) to provide information about where they traveled.
3. Information will be shared with local New Jersey Public Health authorities and other third parties when required by law.

D. Conditions for Quarantine

1. Travelers and residents returning from impacted states should self-quarantine at their home, a hotel, or other temporary lodging. Individuals should only leave the place of self-quarantine to seek medical care/treatment or to obtain food and other essential items.
2. Affected individuals will not be permitted to attend school on an in-person basis or to participate in co-curricular or extracurricular activities, social events or other school sanctioned activities until the 14-day quarantine period has been completed. As one example, no one who has traveled to or from an identified area/impacted state should be in attendance at an in-person graduation ceremony.

D. Provision of Education During Self-quarantine

1. Students who are placed on mandatory quarantine will attend school/classes via the district remote learning platform.
2. Students who are placed on mandatory quarantine will have access to the same programs and services as those students who attend school in-person. They may also participate in other school programming (e.g., clubs, extracurricular activities) that are offered via the remote format.

E. Exemptions

This advisory does not apply to individuals:

1. Who passed through a designated state for a period of limited duration (i.e. less than 24 hours) through the course of travel.
2. Who are passing through New Jersey on a layover for a period of limited duration (i.e. less than 24 hours) through the course of travel.
3. Who are traveling to New Jersey for business matters that are exempted from the application of the travel advisory.
4. Who are traveling to New Jersey and work in critical infrastructure fields, such as health care and federal, state and local law enforcement. Consult with your employer regarding whether there is industry-specific guidance that may apply to you.

F. Testing

Testing is available to everyone in New Jersey and is strongly encouraged for those who traveled to areas heavily impacted by COVID-19. To find a testing site near you, visit covid19.nj.gov/testing

If you travel from an impacted state and get a diagnostic/virus test, you should still self-quarantine for 14 days. If you test negative, you are still advised to self-quarantine for 14 days because you remain in the incubation period. A diagnostic test is a point-in-time indicator from the date of when you were last exposed - in this case, being in a state with significant community spread of COVID-19.

If you are positive, you should self-isolate for 10 days and at least three days (or 72 hours) after any fever is resolved and any other symptoms are significantly improved. You should only leave self-isolation to receive medical care and to obtain food or other essential items.

G. Additional Travel Guidance.

1. Domestic Travel

1. The CDC advises not to travel if you are sick, or if you have been around someone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days. Do not travel with someone who is sick.
2. While you are traveling, it is possible a state or local government may put into place travel restrictions, such as stay-at-home or shelter-in-place orders, mandated quarantines upon arrival, or even state border closures. Plan to keep checking for updates as you travel.

2. International Travel

1. Individuals traveling internationally are subject to the same terms as domestic travel listed above.
2. The CDC recommends avoiding all non-essential international travel due to the global COVID-19 pandemic.
3. If you traveled internationally in the last 14 days, the CDC recommends you stay home, monitor your health, and practice social distancing for 14 days after you return from travel.
4. Individuals returning from an identified area(s) are expected to contact the school nurse in the building where the child is enrolled and complete a district notification form.