



BYRAM HILLS

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To the Byram Hills School Community,

As we turn our thoughts to the Thanksgiving holiday and to students returning home from college (mine!!), it is time to think again about how to keep this community safe. The recent need for remote instruction at BHHS taught us how a small gathering and subsequent social events can impact over 800 people. I am appreciative that our community understands the importance of quarantine orders after those cases were reported, but that does not mean it is easy for the students and staff who cannot leave their homes right now. I hope that the information below helps you to develop a family plan that keeps the safety of our community in mind.

[The Governor's Executive Order 205.2](#) from 10/31/20 provides updated travel restrictions and new testing requirements. The new testing requirements permit that travelers to New York may avoid the mandatory 14-day quarantine period by testing.

- Travelers who were in another state for more than 24 hours:
 - Must obtain a test within 3 days of departure from a state that is on the travel advisory.
 - Must quarantine for 3 days upon arrival into NY.
 - On day 4 in NY, must obtain another COVID test. If both tests are negative, the individual may exit quarantine.
- For travelers who were in another state for less than 24 hours:
 - The individual must fill out the [Traveler Health Form](#) upon entry into NY, and take a COVID test 4 days after arrival.

Travelers from contiguous states to NY (VT, MA, CT, PA, or NJ) will continue to be exempt from the travel advisory, but travelers must fill out the [Traveler Health Form](#).

For general inquiries about travel restrictions, contact the NYS COVID-19 hotline at 1-888-364-3065. To report an individual failing to adhere to the quarantine period, call the hotline at NYS Enforcement Task Force Hotline at 1-833-789-0470.

Not one of these guidance documents talks about what to do with your school-aged children when visitors come and go from your home or when you are celebrating holidays with family. I cannot "recommend" that students stay out of school in these circumstances, but please remember that students in grades 6-12 may choose the remote option if a parent thinks it is necessary to take such precautions for our community - or choose asynchronous instruction for children in grades K-5.

What will I do with my own college-aged children when they come home? I know that my husband will not stay away from them, so I will have to quarantine myself from them all as they occupy our home, and until they get a negative result 4 days after coming back to NY. Then, I will enjoy a nice Thanksgiving dinner with family - and will not have brought COVID-19 to Byram Hills.

Be well -

Jen Lamia, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools