

Subject: Upcoming Travel and Vacation Week Guidelines and Protocol

Hello SBCA Families,

The Spring holiday season is fast approaching and we wanted to communicate our policies in advance so you can plan appropriately. **It is critical that our families continue to follow safe practices when it comes to COVID-19 so we can continue to keep our students healthy and in the classroom.** With that in mind, I have outlined our updated COVID-19 policies below. Please read them carefully.

We are so grateful for our families and the sacrifices you've made to help keep our students, teachers, and staff safe. We know this is challenging, but this is the only way for us to continue our in-person learning.

Sincerely,

Dr. Helenann Civian

Principal, South Boston Catholic Academy

CONSIDERING TRAVELING THIS EASTER AND APRIL VACATION SEASON? The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends staying home as the best way to protect yourself and others. **IF YOU MUST TRAVEL...** please be informed of the risks involved and note the updated SBCA guidelines, which differ slightly from the new MA Travel Guidelines.

- All students and staff returning from travel outside of MA, even if for less than 24 hours, must either quarantine for 10 days upon arrival before returning to school unless:
 - There is a COVID-19 test administered up to 72 hours prior to returning to Massachusetts (or 72 hours prior to ending quarantine if you cannot arrange for testing within 72 hours of your return).
 - Example 1: If a student visits New Hampshire for Easter and is gone from Friday to Sunday, that student should not return to school for 10 days from their return to MA or until they receive a negative COVID-19 result from a test administered within 72 hours of their return to MA.
 - Example 2: If a student were to travel to Florida for April vacation and return on Friday of vacation, they could be tested Saturday or Sunday and return to school on Monday with a negative test, or they could quarantine for 10 days upon their return.
 - Students must share documentation of testing with the school nurse BEFORE returning to school.
 - Vaccination status will not impact the travel policy at this time.

STAYING HOME? You are still at risk, especially if hosting or joining groups with guests from other areas, states or those who are not known to you or your family. Please continue to practice safe COVID protocols.

- Avoid large, indoor gatherings where social distance cannot be maintained.
- Wear Masks. Wash Hands Frequently. Stay 6ft Apart.
- Please help us discourage large, student gatherings.
- Check the [CDC holiday celebration guidance](#) for the very latest on best practices.