

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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Dear Parents,

As we move forward in our school calendar, we turn our attention to the upcoming December break.

As COVID-19 rates continue to rise across the country and Great Neck is now a yellow zone, we know that our priority as a community is to curb the spread of COVID for our health and safety and to ensure that our students can maintain in-person learning. Our actions during the upcoming December break will directly impact our ability to do so if we:

- Follow [CDC recommendations to avoid travel](#);
- Adhere to community safety measures such as wearing masks both indoors and outdoors if social distance can't be maintained; and
- Limit interactions with non-household family members

IMPORTANT TRAVEL ADVISORY NOTICE

Given the increase in COVID cases nationwide, traveling at this time has been highly discouraged by the CDC and local health agencies. While we strongly encourage our families to heed these warnings, we recognize that some of our families will choose to travel.

Should your family choose to travel, please ensure you understand the [New York State Travel Advisory](#) for travelers outside of New York (with the exception of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont). The advisory currently states that covered travelers must fill out the [Traveler Health Form](#) and adhere to the following requirements:

- For travelers who were out-of-state for more than 24 hours:
 - Travelers must obtain a test within three days of departure, prior to arrival in New York. Parents must provide documentation of testing to NSHA by emailing testing@nsha.org (grades Toddler-8) or dvitow@nshahs.org (grades 9-12).
 - The traveler must, upon arrival in New York, quarantine for three days.
- On day 4 of their quarantine, the traveler must obtain a PCR COVID test. If both tests have negative results, the traveler may exit quarantine early upon receipt of the second negative diagnostic test. Parents must provide documentation of testing to NSHA by

REMOTE LEARNING PERIOD FOLLOWING VACATION FOR GRADES 1-12

We anticipate a significant uptick in cases in our area following the vacation period, regardless of whether a family travels out of state. In light of this, and recognizing the increased socializing that will take place among many of our students and others during break, January 4th-8th will be a remote learning period for **grades 1-12**.

EARLY CHILDHOOD IN-PERSON LEARNING SCHEDULE

Students in our **Early Childhood program** (Toddler, Nursery, Pre-K, Kindergarten) will learn in-person from January 4th-8th **for those students who have not traveled outside of New York** (with the exception of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont) during the vacation period, unless the student who has traveled has cleared the 3 day quarantine period and received a negative PCR result from a PCR test taken on day 4 of their re-entry into NYS, in compliance with the [New York State Travel Advisory](#).

Sample Quarantine and Test Schedule for Early Childhood Travelers:

December 30	December 31	January 1	January 2	January 3
Return to NY	Quarantine Day 1	Quarantine Day 2	Quarantine Day 3	Take PCR Test (return to school only after negative PCR result is received)

MANDATORY TESTING FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTY IN GRADES TODDLER-12

All students and faculty in grades Toddler-12 (regardless of whether they have traveled during vacation) will be required to test before returning to school on Monday, January 11th. This applies to all Early Childhood students **including** any Early Childhood student who traveled during the vacation period and submitted their PCR test results in order to participate in in person learning the week of January 4th. We will hold school wide testing days on Thursday, January 7th and Friday, January 8th. Further information will be shared in advance of the testing dates.

Families who travel and would like their child to be eligible to return for in-person learning on Monday, January 11th, must time their return to New York such that they are eligible to receive their second COVID test in compliance with the New York State Travel Advisory. This means that a traveler who would like to test with the school on January 7th must return to New York by Sunday, January 3rd. COVID tests taken earlier than January 7th and non-PCR tests are not valid for return to in-person learning.

TRAVEL SURVEY REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS AND FACULTY IN

All families, regardless of whether they are traveling, are required to complete [this survey](#) by December 22nd to indicate their winter break plans. The purpose of this survey is to gather the information we need to ensure the safety of all of our students and faculty and to preserve in-person learning upon returning to school.

Failure to complete the survey in advance of the deadline, or submission of false or misleading information will result in your children being prevented from resuming in-person learning for an extended period of time or dismissal from the school. The survey will remain open and individuals whose plans change must provide an updated survey submission.

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE TRAVEL SURVEY FOR FAMILIES](#)

We recognize that having a week of remote learning following vacation is not ideal. This decision, as all our decisions regarding remote learning this year, was driven by our desire to maintain the health of our students and faculty and our long-term ability to teach our children in-person for as long as possible.

If you have any questions about the travel policies or the upcoming break, please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

Yours,

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