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Dear Sturgis Families,

With February break upon us, some of you may be traveling in and outside of the state of Massachusetts. With that thought in mind, we would like to remind you about the strict rules the state has set forth regarding travel for Massachusetts residents, as well as the rules we have in place at Sturgis.

- 1. When traveling outside of Massachusetts for greater than 72 hours, you must:
 - fill out the "Massachusetts Travel Form", <u>AND</u> receive a negative Covid test that was taken no longer than 72 hours prior to your return to MA, <u>OR</u> quarantine for 10 days (14 days for Sturgis).
- 2. When traveling outside of Massachusetts for 72 hours or less, you must:
 - fill out the "Massachusetts Travel Form", <u>AND</u> receive a negative Covid test AFTER your return to MA, <u>OR</u> quarantine for 10 days (14 days for Sturgis).

Even though Massachusetts has lowered their quarantine time to 10 days, Sturgis is continuing to require quarantine periods of 14 days. Sturgis is also only accepting PCR tests at this time; your student will not be permitted to return to in person school or school activities with an antigen test. PCR test results must be submitted to the school nurse prior to your student returning to in person school or to school activities, including sports. Please do not send your student back to in-person school or to school activities with a rapid antigen test to satisfy the nurse that the required testing has been received. If your child was tested with a rapid antigen test to satisfy the travel requirements, especially the international travel requirements, they will need to be re-tested with a PCR test before they may attend in person school/activities. Please note that the state also requires ALL antigen testing to be confirmed via PCR testing within 72 hours of your return to MA in order to remain out of quarantine.

The only low risk state that does not require Covid testing is Hawaii. This list is updated regularly, you can find it here <u>MA Travel Guidelines</u>.

We sincerely appreciate you doing your part to keep the Sturgis community healthy so our schools can continue in-person learning.

Kind regards,

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