



EAST RUTHERFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Pre-K to 8th Grade Parents and Guardians:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your efforts in helping us keep our schools open as well as your added support during moments in which virtual instruction has been necessary. In an effort to maintain the course in providing a safe environment for our students and staff members in school, we continue to monitor the effects of student experiences and gatherings outside of school. The upcoming scheduled spring break (April 10th - April 18th) presents the opportunity for increased gatherings, travel and COVID-19 exposure. With this in mind, the thought of keeping our students and staff members safe must remain our top priority.

Please be aware that we are required to follow the current CDC and NJ Department of Health travel guidelines. These guidelines apply to everyone, even individuals who are vaccinated. We are extremely pleased with the constituents of our school community who have followed these guidelines up to this point and we hope to continue on this path. As a reminder, students that travel are required to uphold **a full 7 day quarantine and receive a negative PCR test on day 3-5 upon return to NJ to return to school** (please note that a rapid test will not be accepted).

Students of East Rutherford School District who are travelling outside the four bordering states (DE, PA, NY, CT) will be required to take a PCR COVID-19 test on day 3-5 upon return to NJ. **Test results must be provided to the School Nurse before re-entering school.** Please refer to page 20 of the East Rutherford School District Reopening Plan. The link below will take you to the New Jersey Department of Health most updated guidance.

https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/RecommendationsForLocalHealthDepts_K12Schools.pdf

Additionally, please see below for the most updated NJ Travel Advisory and CDC's "**After You Travel**" guidelines (page 4).

- If travel is unavoidable, travelers should consider getting tested with PCR COVID (not an antibody test) 1-3 days before the trip and again 3-5 days after the trip.
- If travelers test positive, they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should postpone travel during that time.
- If travelers test negative, they should quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.
- If testing is not available (or if the results are delayed), travelers should quarantine for 10 days after travel. (NJ has testing available)

Finally, while on vacation that extends beyond the district's designated dates, students are not permitted to log on to a live Zoom platform, however, students will be able to complete their work through their Google Classroom. Upon return to NJ, while in isolation, students will be able to log on for live remote instruction. If a family is planning on taking an extended vacation, please provide our main office with documentation of a return date. If the date of travel changes after receiving this email, please update the main office of this change as well.

If you are traveling, you must contact Nurse Saab or Nurse Pacelli by Thursday, April 1st to report your travel plans so that we may safely and efficiently manage the required quarantine guidelines of our students return to school.

Please be aware that traveling guidelines do change frequently and there is a chance that they can change while on your trip. We will be required to follow all changes effective immediately.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to provide a safe environment for our students and staff members.

Sincerely,

Brian Barrow, Principal
Regina Barrale, Principal