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## Travel Advisory Update

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## Hello Bedford School Community,

As we near the end of another week and have a much needed long weekend upon us, I would like to remind our families and staff of the Massachusetts travel order that was signed by Governor Baker in August. For anyone who is planning to travel outside of Massachusetts in the next few days, please plan ahead and review the <u>Covid-19 travel order</u> on the Massachusetts state website before traveling.

At this time, the state has defined the "lower risk states" where Massachusetts residents are permitted to travel without the need to quarantine upon return. The current list of Covid-19 lower risk states (as of 10/2/2020) includes: Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont. Please be sure to monitor the Covid-19 travel order site closely for updates, as the list is subject to change.

If you travel outside of Massachusetts to a higher risk state, and do not meet one of the prescribed exemptions, students and staff will need to follow the Covid-19 travel order BEFORE they return to school. Please notify your school nurse if you are going to be travelling to a higher risk state. If you do, you are required to complete the <u>state travel form</u>, and prepare to quarantine for 14 days or be able to provide a negative Covid-19 PCR test result that has been administered up to 72 prior to your arrival in Massachusetts. If your Covid-19 test result has not been received prior to arrival, you

must quarantine until you receive a negative test result. Locations for approved testing sites can be found here.

Families, students and staff have done a great job in following the health and safety precautions that have been put in place to help keep everyone in our community safe. We appreciate your cooperation and diligence in maintaining these efforts and wish you a restful, relaxing and fun long weekend.

As always, thank you for your patience, your participation, and your continued commitment to our schools.

Wishing you continued health,

Sincerely, Philip Conrad Superintendent