



WESTPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Dear Students, Staff, and Families,

The purpose of this communication is to remind everyone of the Governor-issued travel order that went into effect on August 1, 2020. All visitors and returning residents entering Massachusetts must follow new travel orders. The Commonwealth has made great progress to slow the spread of COVID-19 and gradually re-open the economy, and all visitors have a responsibility to help us keep transmission levels as low as possible. In the same way, Westport Community Schools is committed to providing students and staff with the safest learning environment possible by adhering to the guidelines provided by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), the Department of Public Health (DPH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and our local Westport Board of Health.

All visitors entering Massachusetts, including returning residents, who do not meet an exemption, are required to:

- Complete the [Massachusetts Travel Form](#) prior to arrival, unless you are visiting from a lower risk state designated by the Department of Public Health. **All individuals over the age of 18 or an unaccompanied minor must complete and submit the online travel form.**
- Quarantine for 14 days or produce a negative COVID-19 test result that has been administered up to 72 hours prior to your arrival in Massachusetts. **All individuals 10 years or older are required to be tested.** If your COVID-19 test result has not been received prior to arrival, visitors and residents must quarantine until they receive a negative result.

Failure to comply may result in a **\$500 fine per day** (enforced by the Commonwealth).

Due to the constantly evolving nature of this pandemic, the list of lower-risk states may change frequently. Please visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order> for update information on the travel order and update listing of the lower-risk states. Exemptions to the travel order can also be found on this site.

Please contact your or your child's building nurse if you have any questions or concerns regarding upcoming travel. You will be required to provide proof of compliance to this travel order prior to returning to school.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we try to minimize the spread of COVID-19, and continue to keep our students and staff healthy.