

Winchester Public Schools
Winchester, Massachusetts
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Travel Requirements for Families and Staff Members

- If families must travel, Gov. Baker's Travel Order requires that all returning travelers must quarantine for 10 days upon return to MA, unless they present evidence of a negative Covid-19 PCR test on their return.
- Only PCR tests are acceptable, not other forms of tests.
- Students and staff members may not return to school until they have been cleared by a nurse. Our nurses are generally available to process PCR tests on weekdays only, so please plan accordingly.
- This may cause a delay in your child's return to school.
- If a student/staff member has tested positive and recovered from Covid-19 within the past 90 days of your travel return date, testing is not required. However, the school nurse must have proof of this before the student/staff member can return to school/work.

For students 10 years and younger who traveled with a parent/guardian from their household:

- Students under 10 are not required to test as long as the parent(s)/guardian(s) are tested and found to be negative. These test results must be reviewed by the school nurse prior to the student's return to school. (Important: If the student travelled with two parents/guardians, both adults must present their negative test results to the school nurse).
- Students older than 10/staff members traveling out of state must quarantine and may not return to school until their negative test results come back.
- If the family chooses not to test the student 10 years and younger, the parent/guardian must submit a copy of their test results to the school nurse.
- If families choose not to test, the entire family/group must quarantine for 10 days upon return.

New: CDC Rules for International Travel

CDC has also released new travel and testing recommendations for international air travelers based on the best public health advice available. CDC now recommends that international air travelers get tested with a [viral test](#) 1-3 days before their flight to reduce spread during travel. Travelers should get tested 3-5 days after travel and stay home for 7 days. If the test is negative, the traveler should stay home for the full 7 days. If a traveler does not get tested, it's safest to stay home for 14 days.