



North Shore Christian School

Dear Families,

As the Thanksgiving and Christmas Breaks are upon us, it is important that we remain vigilant in caring for our Learning Community. This will require all of us to be mindful of how we are spending our time during our school breaks, and how this may impact those around us upon returning to school. With that having been said, we want everyone to enjoy their school breaks and vacations with friends and loved ones. These opportunities to connect with others are very important.

NSCS is requesting that each family refer to the *Mass.gov* guidelines around protocols pertaining to travel. You may reference the **COVID-19 Travel Order** for Massachusetts information below, and we ask that you reference it again upon returning to school after both the Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks, as we all know how rapidly, and unexpectedly, things can change.

Below, you will find links to the current Massachusetts guidelines for travel protocol. These guidelines will be ones that NSCS will follow. Again, please be sure to reference the *Mass.gov* website for the absolute latest information. We urge all families to follow the guidelines prior to their child's return to school from breaks, and to participate in the recommended protocol for travel, quarantine, and/or testing. As a reminder, not all insurance companies will cover COVID-19 testing if it is travel related, and not due to symptoms of COVID, so you may want to confirm with your insurance company what the expense will be.

As is always the case, our Task Force, and Faculty & Staff are grateful for all the ways you have come alongside NSCS to ensure that our community is safe. We know that this has not always been easy or convenient, and so all the more we thank you.

We serve a living God. Even in these trying times, He is faithful. He is holding us safely in the midst of the storm. I know it doesn't always feel that way during the hard times, but God has hemmed his children in, and is providing divine protection as he gently cares for each of us. As we walk through these uncertain times as a community, it is my prayer that we will do so with a hope so big that it is contagious!

We Love and Appreciation,

Pam Heintz, HOS on Behalf of the Reopen School Doors Task Force

Guidelines Directly from Mass.gov

All individuals arriving in Massachusetts by any means or mode, including Massachusetts residents who have left the state for anything more than transitory travel, are covered by the Massachusetts travel rule. Accordingly, even travelers not required to complete the form should act in compliance with the rule.

The rule requires that you **MUST quarantine for 14 days** unless you:

1. are coming from a [lower-risk state](#) or
2. can produce, on request, [proof of negative test result for COVID-19 from a test administered on a sample taken not longer than 72 hours before your arrival in Massachusetts](#), or
3. [meet the exemption criteria](#).

MUST quarantine until you receive the negative result. You may obtain a test at your own expense after your arrival in Massachusetts but you **MUST quarantine until you obtain a negative result**. Individuals who fail to quarantine are subject to a \$500 fine per day.

Detailed information about the [quarantine requirement and a list of exceptions can be found here](#).

By completing this form, [you consent to receive text messages from the Commonwealth](#). If you have indicated that you will be quarantined, you will receive daily text message reminders starting on your arrival date and for the following 14 days or until your departure date, whichever comes first. Message and data rates may apply. For help, reply HELP. To opt-out, reply STOP. [SMS Terms and Conditions/Privacy Policy](#).