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Dear Members of the Garfield School Community:

As the holiday season has arrived, we will take this opportunity to review the district protocols for travel.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS

Vaccinated: Get tested prior to leaving the U.S., prior to returning to the U.S., SELF-MONITOR and get tested 3-5 days after returning to the U.S. Quarantine is not necessary unless symptoms are present.

Unvaccinated: Can return to the workplace after day 10 without a Covid-19 test and no symptoms or after day 7 with a negative Covid -19 provided test was done between days three and five after returning home.

DOMESTIC TRAVELERS

Fully Vaccinated AND Unvaccinated Travelers - No quarantine or test before or after travel is required.

While the Department of Education has given clearance for remote learning if a student has Covid-19 or is a close contact to someone who has Covid-19, the district does not consider quarantine for travel as a valid reason to provide remote learning. It is important to discuss plans with the principal and school nurse prior to travelling so you know what to expect regarding sending your child to school when you return.

Since travel plans can have an impact on a student's attendance, it is important that parents and students are familiar with the school's attendance policy. These policies are designed and enforced to ensure that students come to school every day unless there is a valid reason for the absence. Attendance policies can be found in the school handbooks, which are posted on the district and school websites.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for being our partners in the education of your children. Please continue to assist us by making every effort to have your child in school unless the absence is a necessity and delay all unnecessary travel during the school year. On behalf of the district administration and Board of Education, we wish you and your families a Happy, Healthy, and Safe Thanksgiving and Holiday Season!

Kind Regards,

Anna Sciacca

Superintendent of Schools