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Dear Summit Academy Parents and Caregivers,

Many of you have been asking about travel guidance associated with the upcoming Spring Break, April 2 – 11. As of now, The Centers for Disease Control is encouraging people to “delay travel and stay home to protect yourself and others from Covid-19 even if you are fully-vaccinated.” If you are planning to travel, I urge you to exercise caution, consider any potential COVID-19 risk associated with your destination – especially if your child is NOT fully-vaccinated - and act accordingly. Covid-19 infection rates, as well as rules for masks, social distancing, quarantine/testing etc., vary from state to state. As a reference, travel resources for domestic and international travel are available on the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) website](#).

Last week, Governor Cuomo announced that beginning on April 1, domestic travelers - regardless of vaccination status - will no longer be required to quarantine after entering New York from another U.S. State or U.S. Territory. As of today, no formal guidance has been issued related to this announcement. Nevertheless, out of concern for everyone’s health, our leadership team has decided to hold our entire staff to the stricter standard outlined in NYS’s [interim guidance](#) published on March 10, 2021:

*“Teachers, school employees, and child care workers must quarantine for a minimum of 3 days after returning to New York from a non-contiguous state due to the nature of education and child care services, and the risk and difficulty of adherence to the guidelines that govern such exemptions, and must be tested on day 4 after arriving, pursuant to EO 205.2. Although such workers are essential, the travel advisory exemption for essential workers does not apply to teachers, school employees, or child care workers, due to the sensitivity of these congregate settings, **unless they are fully-vaccinated.**”*

Although not required, out of consideration for our staff and other program participants who are not yet fully vaccinated, if you travel, we ask that your child quarantine for three days and gets tested for Covid-19 before returning to school.

As a reminder, children ages 16 and older with intellectual/developmental disabilities are eligible to receive a Covid-19 vaccine. To learn more, visit: <https://am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>

Although restrictions are loosening, Covid-19 is still infecting people in our community. Please continue to do all you can to keep yourself and your children safe and healthy.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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