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Dear Summit Academy Parents and Caregivers,

A few quick reminders during this first week of spring:

Spring Break begins on Friday, April 2 and continues through Sunday, April 11. While travel is not encouraged by the Centers for Disease Control, if you are planning to take a trip, please exercise caution and consider any potential COVID-19 risk associated with your destination – especially if your child is NOT fully-vaccinated. As a reference, travel resources for domestic and international travel are available on the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) website](#).

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.**

We are cautioning our staff about travel and requiring that they incorporate quarantine time into their travel plans unless they are fully vaccinated.

Beginning this week, pharmacies can vaccinate New Yorkers with “qualifying health conditions.” This includes children ages 16 and older with intellectual/developmental disabilities. The Moderna vaccine (2 doses) is approved for those who are age 16 and older; the Pfizer (2 doses) and Johnson and Johnson (one dose) are approved for ages 18 and older.

To find a vaccine at a local pharmacy, please visit: <https://vaccinefinder.org/>

VaccineFinder displays the following information about the provider:

- types of COVID-19 vaccines available
- website and phone number
- and hours of operation
- instructions on how to take the next step to get vaccinated.

*Vaccine availability is subject to change and appointments are required at most locations.*

We are concerned about the recent uptick in positive cases of Covid-19 associated with loosening restrictions in our community. Please keep your child at home if they aren't feeling well and continue to exercise precautions – mask wearing, social distancing, hand washing - when out in the community.

Lastly, the first in a series of parent webinars focused on virtual instruction is this evening from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. I hope you'll join us to hear about some success stories and learn some helpful tips. For more information, and to register, [please click here](#).

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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