

## General Guidance Regarding Impact of Travel on Schooling at YSHS

The high school administration and school nurse have received numerous questions regarding how travel will impact schooling. The following information is provided to help families understand how the *Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health for Mitigation Relating To Travel* impacts student participation in in-person learning.

Families can review the official orders from the secretary on the state web page under [COVID-19 Information for Travelers](#). The order has been twice amended and this information reflects the most recent amendment of [December 9, 2020](#).

To summarize the general pieces and how it impacts schooling:

- By the order, all individuals (over the age of 11) who travel outside of Pennsylvania are expected to **quarantine for 10 days** upon their return to Pennsylvania. [Note: there are limited exceptions for work travel and other circumstances, but generally all “vacation” or “family visit” travel is associated with an expected quarantine].
- Consequently, any student (over the age of 11) who has traveled should return to school no earlier than the 11th day after he/she has returned.
  - Example: if a family returned from a vacation on January 4, the students should not return to school until on or after January 15.
- The duration of the quarantine can be reduced by obtaining a negative result from a COVID-19 test. The test can be taken up to 72 hours prior to return or at any point during the period of quarantine.
  - Example 1: A family was tested on January 2 and returned to PA on January 4. The family received notice on January 6 that the result was negative. The students may return to in-person learning on January 6.
  - Example 2: A family returned to PA on January 4 and got tested that same day, January 4. They received the negative results on January 9. The students may return to in-person learning on January 9.
- If a travel quarantine is necessary, parents should complete the [Student Absence Report Form](#). There is an option to list Travel Quarantine as the reason. The parent should also contact Sharon Diaczun ([sdiaczun@yssd.org](mailto:sdiaczun@yssd.org)), our administrative assistant who handles attendance, to share the dates the student will be quarantining and if/when the student was tested. Parents do not need to submit an absence each day after this initial communication.
- If a negative test result is received, the student may return to school immediately. A parent or the student should contact Mrs. Diaczun ([sdiaczun@yssd.org](mailto:sdiaczun@yssd.org)) so that she can remove the student from the quarantine list.
- When quarantining, the students will have the same access as other students who are quarantining due to possible exposure. The students will check-in to their classes five days a week via IC. The students should also follow-up with their teachers regarding any instruction that was missed from the days they would traditionally be present for in-person learning. Students may be able to make up that work while home on quarantine or they may need to make it up upon their return to in-person instruction.