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Dear West Orange Public School Families,

I hope this finds you all well. At the public Board of Education meeting on Monday, August 16th, a [School Reopening Presentation](#) was delivered. The presentation contains a host of helpful information. The district continues to fine tune its plans; ongoing updates will be provided in advance of the school year. Another detailed presentation will be provided at the August 30th public Board of Education Meeting.

As we begin to prepare for a September 2021 return to school, we know that families have pre-planned vacation trips or may be planning for a final trip with their child(ren) to wrap up the summer break. As such, we want to share the most recent travel quarantine guidelines for unvaccinated individuals as per CDC guidance, *NJ Department of Health and input from our local Departments of Health. A reminder, the first day of school for all district students is Thursday, September 9th.

For the purpose of this guidance, domestic travel is defined as travel lasting 24 hours or longer to states or US territories other than contiguous states (i.e., Pennsylvania, New York, Delaware, and Connecticut). **NOTE: Fully-vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine.**

For unvaccinated persons after you travel:

Get tested with a viral test 3-5 days* after travel AND stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel. (For testing options – [covid19.nj.gov](https://www.covid19.nj.gov))

- Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the **full 7 days**.
- If your test is positive, isolate yourself to protect others from getting infected.
- If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine **for 10 days after travel**.

Important Note: The day the family returns is Day Zero. Then count seven or ten full days depending on testing results.

What does this mean for the return to school?

Unvaccinated Travelling Student Quarantine Guidelines: May attend on the first day of school, Thursday, September 9 ONLY IF Student returns from travel on September 1 and tests negative on Day 3, 4 or 5 after return, 7 days of quarantine (or) Student returns from travel on August 29 and chooses not to test, 10 of days of quarantine Days.

How will students access their classes during quarantine?

If your family does not return by the dates above, your unvaccinated students may access their classes virtually during quarantine. Details will be shared next week regarding Chrome book reservations and pick-up for

parents/guardians who foresee the need for their child(ren) to travel quarantine at the start of the year and are in need of a district-issued device.

To view full CDC guidance for both domestic and international travel for unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals, view the following link: <https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/travel-and-transportation/are-there-travel-restrictions-to-or-from-new-jersey>

**Although NJ Department of Health (NJDOH) no longer issues its OWN travel advisory list, it directs us to CDC guidance, as does our local Departments of Health.*

Reminders:

The registration deadline for the COVID-19 vaccination clinic being conducted at West Orange High School has been extended to Sunday, August 29 at 11:59PM. The clinic is open to all eligible community members including staff. The first dose of the vaccine is given August 31 and the second is September 21. Should you wish to register, you may do so through the following [LINK](#)

Don't forget to vote on your preferred theme. [School Year Theme Voting](#) . The survey will remain open until Friday, August 27 at 11:59 PM.

I thank you in advance for your time and consideration and wish you a restful weekend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Scott Cascone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "J." and last name "Cascone" clearly visible.

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Superintendent