

## EAST LYME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Staff, Parents, and/or Guardians,

I wanted to update you on the Governor's modification to travel restrictions that went into effect this past Friday, March 19, 2021. The new Executive Order No. 9S now 'recommends' rather than 'requires' quarantining or testing upon return to Connecticut from an identified state with high COVID-19 levels.

The East Lyme Public Schools will follow this new <u>travel advisory</u> guidance brought forth. Therefore, **we will no longer 'require' quarantining or COVID testing when staff or students travel.** It still remains a recommendation from the <u>CDC</u> that travel should be avoided. CDC also recommends individuals who do travel should get tested three to five days after their trip and quarantine at home for a full seven days, even if a test result is negative. We will continue to ask that you take all necessary precautions to avoid COVID-19 infection, and to monitor your child(ren) for signs or symptoms of illness and/or exposure to COVID-19.

For more information on what to do if you or a family member has possible symptoms, a diagnosis, or exposure to COVID-19, please see <u>Addendum 5</u>: Interim Guidance for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios in Connecticut School Districts.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to my office at 860-739-3966 ext. 5602.

Sincerely,

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