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Ms. Alisha DiCorpo
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Dear NMPS Families:

Our data shows that the planned week of remote learning following Thanksgiving was very successful as a mitigation strategy for New Milford Public Schools. Therefore, due to the effectiveness of the five day remote period following the Thanksgiving holiday, **the district will be placed on remote learning for the period of January 4-8, with Cohort A students returning in person on January 11.**

A decision regarding the schedule for Friday of this week (due to storm cleanup timing) as well as next Monday and Tuesday will be made and announced on Friday.

As we approach the holiday season and a well-earned break, I want to remind you of the following process that must be followed by *any families that have traveled to a state/country during the break that is on the Advisory List which is updated every Tuesday. You must also submit a travel form to the State of Connecticut, which can be found at this website: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/travel>.*

1. Please let your school principal know if you have plans to travel out of the state/country over the break by using the link to this form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4pz6i_jfLOEU3wddoB0JUQecQOvZRDnncwvD0PWIfMFFq6A/viewform.
2. Please be advised that if you are planning on traveling with your son or daughter to either an “Affected State” or an “Affected Country” for more than 24 hours during the break, we will require a negative COVID-19 test before your son or daughter may return to in-person learning. Pursuant to Governor Lamont’s Executive Order 9I, an “Affected State” is defined as a state, *other than New York, New Jersey, or Rhode Island*, with a positive case rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents, or higher than a 10% test positivity rate over a seven-day rolling average, and an “Affected Country” is defined as a country for which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has issued a Level 3 Travel Health Notice.

It is important that you check with the list of Affected States and Affected Countries prior to travel as this list changes based on changing COVID-19 conditions. The most up to date list of Affected States can be found here <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/travel>.

The most up to date list of Affected Countries can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html#travel-1>.

Note: the test must have been taken within 72 hours of your return to Connecticut, or upon your arrival in Connecticut. Only results for nucleic acid COVID-19 tests, such as reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) tests, shall be accepted.

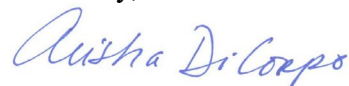
You are required to send in your child's results to the nurse's office *prior to returning* your child to in-person learning for either cohort. Test results and all other medical information relating to your child will be maintained in confidence by the District as mandated by law. Once your child has been cleared to return to school by the nurse, he/she may return if he/she is/are symptom free. While awaiting your child's results, please keep them home.

If you elect not to get such a COVID-19 test for your child prior to the scheduled return to school, your child may participate as a remote learner during the required 14-day quarantine.

3. If you are hosting an Affected Traveler who is required to self-quarantine upon entering Connecticut, you and your family are not required to self-quarantine. However, all usual COVID-19 precautions should be undertaken.

Stay safe and when in doubt, if feeling ill at all, please stay home and consult your doctor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alisha DiCorpo".

Ms. Alisha DiCorpo
Interim Superintendent