

Barnstable Public Schools - Health Services

Protocol: MA Travel Advisory

Effective Monday, March 22, the MA Travel Order has been replaced with a Travel Advisory which states that all visitors entering Massachusetts, including returning residents, are advised to quarantine for 10 days upon their arrival. Barnstable Public Schools will follow this travel advisory.

Students or staff who travel outside of MA for more than 24 hours are STRONGLY URGED to quarantine for 10 days or receive a negative test prior to return to school, unless one of the following exemptions applies:

- Individuals who have received a negative COVID-19 result on a test administered not more than 72 hours prior to their arrival in Massachusetts.
- Individuals may also test out of the quarantine advisory after arrival in Massachusetts, as long as they quarantine until receiving a negative test result.
 - **The test must be an FDA EUA-approved molecular (PCR) SARS-CoV2 test or a BinaxNOW antigen test (no other antigen tests will be accepted)**
- Anyone who is returning to Massachusetts after being out of the State for fewer than 24 hours
- Individuals who are fully vaccinated (i.e. who have received two doses of either the Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines OR who have received a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, 14 days or more ago) and who do not have symptoms.
- Individuals who have had PCR-confirmed COVID-19 within 90 days of their travel and who do not have symptoms

Children 10 and under:

Testing for children, 10 years and younger, who are traveling with an adult from their household is not necessary. Children 10 years and younger should follow the quarantine advisory and testing options completed by the household adult they accompanied for travel. If the accompanying adult chooses to quarantine, the child should also quarantine. If the accompanying adult chooses to obtain a test, the child and adult should quarantine until the adult's negative test result is received.

International Travel:

All individuals (regardless of age), must do one of the following prior to returning to school:

- quarantine for 10 days;
- receive a negative PCR test result (tested 3-5 days after return to MA);
- provide proof of PCR-confirmed COVID-19 infection within 90 days of their travel; or
- provide proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19.