

Barnstable Public Schools - Health Services

Protocol: MA Travel Advisory

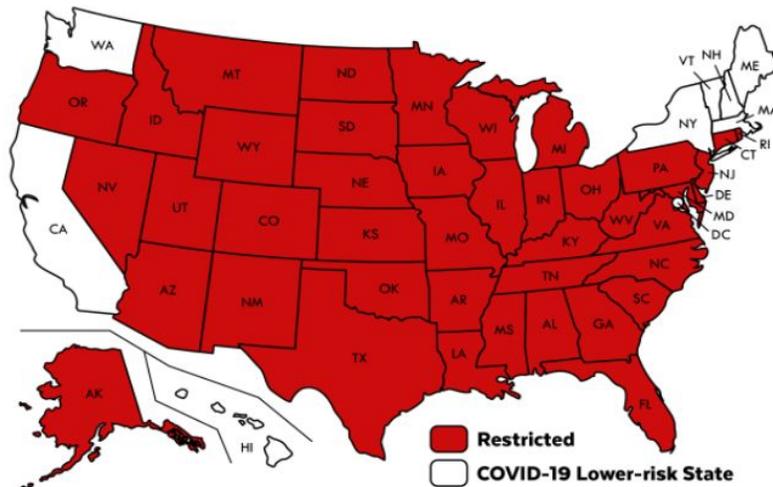
Students and staff are required to abide by the Massachusetts travel advisory, enacted by the Governor on August 1, 2020. This advisory requires that individuals (age 11 and up) who travel/return to Massachusetts from high-risk states must produce a negative COVID-19 test result or quarantine for 14 days upon arrival/return to Massachusetts. High- and low-risk states are subject to change and are updated at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order> as needed.

Barnstable Public Schools requires that:

- Students (ages 11 and up) and all staff who travel outside of Massachusetts to one of the high-risk states must produce a negative PCR test result or quarantine for 14 days prior to returning to school.
- Students ages 10 and under are not required to test, but must “follow” their parent’s testing result (it is assumed younger children have the same exposures as their parent/guardian)
 - If students ages 10 and under are NOT tested, then their parent’s negative test must be provided to the school for the student to return
 - If the parent decides to not be tested, then the student must quarantine for 14 days after returning to MA before returning to school
- ALL students (regardless of age) and staff who return to MA from international travel must be tested or quarantine for 14 days.
- Travel to/from designated lower-risk states do not require testing or quarantine.

Testing requirements:

- The specimen for the test must have been collected no longer than 72 hours before your arrival in Massachusetts or after returning to Massachusetts
 - **The test must be an FDA EUA-approved molecular (PCR) SARS-CoV2 test**
 - Antigen tests must be confirmed by a PCR test; Serology tests will not be accepted
- If you took a test prior to your arrival but have not received your result, you MUST quarantine until you receive the result
- Testing may happen after return to MA, but students/staff must quarantine until a negative test result is received



(Connecticut and New Jersey removed as lower-risk, effective 12:01AM on October 31, 2020)

Lower-risk state list last updated: October 30, 2020

Reference: Mass.gov COVID19 Travel Order - 8/1/20
DPH guidance - 10/9/20