

SOUTH HADLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT AND STAFF PERSONAL OUT OF STATE TRAVEL POLICY DURING COVID-19

This policy has been enacted to protect the health and welfare of all staff and students in the South Hadley Public Schools and to minimize the spread of COVID-19, in accordance with current Massachusetts quarantine orders. This policy remains in effect until rescinded.

Gov. Baker's executive order #45 (<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order>) requires all travelers arriving to Massachusetts from out-of-state areas, including Massachusetts residents returning home, to self-quarantine for fourteen (14) days.

Additionally, per law, all personal travel by employees to any area that is not specifically exempt from the Governor's executive order regarding travel must complete the Massachusetts Travel Form (<https://www.mass.gov/forms/massachusetts-travel-form>)

The following persons are not required to quarantine upon entering Massachusetts:

- Travelers Entering from lower-risk states: The current list of COVID-19 lower-risk states can be found here but is subject to change based on health data metrics: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order#lower-risk-states->
- Travelers Who Meet the 72-Hour COVID Test Rule: Travelers are exempt from the quarantine requirement if they have received and can show proof of a negative result from a COVID-19 test based on a sample obtained not longer than 72 hours before their arrival in Massachusetts. If student/ staff tests upon return to Massachusetts, he/she must quarantine and cannot return to school until he/she can produce a negative result from a COVID-19 test. Tests that are acceptable to satisfy the 72-hour test rule are limited to the following:
 - A negative result from an FDA EUA-approved molecular (PCR) SARS-CoV2 test
 - A negative result from an antigen test must be confirmed by a negative result from an FDA EUA-approved molecular (PCR) SARS-CoV2 test
 - The current list of FDA EUA approved tests can be found here <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-emergency-use-authorizations-medical-devices/vitro-diagnostics-euas#individual-molecular>
 - Results of antibody (serology) tests are not accepted for this exemption.

If someone is merely driving through a higher-risk state to get to a destination, quarantining is unnecessary if all safety measures are adhered to.

Sick time, vacation time, personal time or unpaid leave must be used by faculty & staff while quarantining.

All faculty and staff that plan to travel to a higher-risk state/ out of U.S. must complete and submit to the building principal *The SHPS Student and Staff Travel Notice* one week before travel in order to determine whether a traveler's plans will ultimately require a 14-day quarantine upon the return to District. This is not permission to travel, however, but an acknowledgement of an understanding of the Governor's executive order. While we respect individuals' privacy, we want to ensure that all students and staff are as safe as possible.

*In consultation with the South Hadley Board of Health, the District has determined that if a student/ staff travels internationally or enters the U.S. from another country, a negative COVID-19 test result will **not** exempt student/ staff from the quarantine period.*

SHPS STUDENT AND STAFF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL NOTICE

In order to comply with the District's Personal Out Of State Travel Policy, District students and staff choosing to travel to higher risk states/ out of the U.S. will be required to quarantine upon return to Massachusetts. Staff should plan accordingly. The list of exempt states and special conditions may change. Please refer to the states travel order for the latest information regarding your destination: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order>

Student/ Staff Name : _____

School: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Location(s) of travel: _____

Dates of Travel: _____

Student/ Staff Signature

Date

Parent/ Caregiver Signature (if applicable)

Date

Principal Signature

Date

*** Date and result of Covid-19 test:** _____

