## Important Information for Travel - New Guidance Released on April 1, 2021

**Dear Parents:** 

The following was just released from the Department of Health on April 1, 2021:

This supersedes the previously issued March 10, 2021 guidance for Interim Guidance for Quarantine Restrictions on Travelers Arriving in New York State Following Out of State Travel.

## **Updates include:**

- Quarantine and testing are no longer required for asymptomatic domestic travelers as of April 1, 2021.
- all travelers must:
  - 1. Monitor symptoms daily from day of arrival in New York through day 14;
  - Continue strict adherence to all recommended non-pharmaceutical interventions, including hand hygiene and the use of face coverings, through Day 14 (even if fully vaccinated); and
  - Must immediately self-isolate if any symptoms develop and contact the local public health authority or their healthcare provider to report this change in clinical status and determine if they should seek testing.

## **International Travel:**

Current CDC guidance requires air passengers traveling to the U.S. from another country show either documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 within the previous 3 months or a negative test result from no more than 3 days prior to the day of travel to the airline before boarding the flight. This applies to both U.S. residents and visitors from other

countries. (<u>Documentation of vaccination status or antibody test results</u> will not be accepted as proof of COVID status prior to boarding, per CDC <u>guidance</u>).

The changes to international travel are significant under the new regulations all international travelers will be subject to either:

- A ten-day quarantine, starting the day they return (as day zero); or
- A seven-day quarantine, if the traveler receives a negative test result on Days 3,4, or 5.

Note: If you decide to quarantine for ten days SJP will still require a negative test to return to school after international travel.

Testing will still be required for international travel as noted above. When returning from international travel, both antigen and PCR tests abroad are acceptable; however, the test taken in New York <u>must</u> be a nasal PCR only for Saints John and Paul School. Both tests must be presented to SJP before the student can return to school. The test must be administered/analyzed by a medical professional or a certified lab.