

Travel & Mandatory Self-Quarantine/Testing COVID

Governor Baker has issued travel orders, effective August 1, 2020, that impact the Mandatory Safety Standards for Workplaces now in effect in Massachusetts. This policy update explains what is now required of all NMRSD students and staff to ensure compliance with these standards.

All NMRSD students and staff who choose to travel out of state for any reason must be aware that they will not be permitted to return to in-person school/school activities until she/he complies with the Governor's Order. Any student or staff member who leaves the state must, upon return to Massachusetts, fill out a "Massachusetts Travel Form" and quarantine for 14 days. NMRSD is also requiring all students and staff members, after completing the 14 day self-quarantine, to submit a completed Self-Certification of No Symptoms Form to their Building Principal, with a copy to the Superintendent, prior to the start of their first day upon returning to in-person school or school activity. The Governor and NMRSD will waive these conditions if the student or staff member travels to a COVID-19 lower risk state or he/she can produce a negative PCR COVID-19 test result administered after arriving in Massachusetts. The lower risk states are stated on [COVID-19 Lower Risk States](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order) (<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order>).

In order to ensure the safety of the North Middlesex Regional School District community during the period when the Governor's order is in effect, NMRSD is implementing two additional measures. First, if a student/staff member intends to travel to states that are not lower risk states, they must disclose such travel plans to their Building Principal and Superintendent prior to travel. NMRSD absence policy for students remains in effect and the impact of the absence may impose consequences on course credit given that such travel will require the student to be out of school for an additional two weeks upon return. NMRSD staff should refer to the MOA on file for absence policy. Students, staff and families are therefore strongly urged to reconsider out-of-state travel plans. Second, if a student must quarantine due to out of state travel, NMRSD will allow the student to work remotely during the self-quarantine period. NMRSD staff should refer to the MOA on file about working during quarantine. Contact the Building Principal for information or any other related questions.

Students/staff who are displaying symptoms of COVID-19 are instructed to not report to school.

Students/staff are reminded that the use of masks or face covering at school and where individuals cannot socially distance from others remains required.

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