

Nantucket Public Schools Return to In-Person Learning Plan **ADDENDUM:** Quarantine and Travel Protocols

Quarantining in Schools

If an individual tests positive for COVID in school, steps will be taken to identify close contacts and quarantine any other individuals within the classroom or school. Nantucket Public Schools continues to follow the most recent guidance from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) around responding to COVID-19 scenarios in school. Please see the link to these guidelines here:

<https://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/on-desktop/protocols/protocols.docx>

Please note that being considered a close contact does not mean school spread; school spread is only determined through documented positive COVID cases in a school.

After contact tracing, the COVID Liaison, the school nurse, school administrators and the superintendent will determine the severity of possible transmission between students or staff in a class or pod. If necessary, the Superintendent will consult with the Nantucket Department of Public Health to determine the need for partial or full classroom quarantine. The Superintendent must also consult with DESE if it may be necessary to close an entire school or district due to school or community spread.

Travel Protocols

Nantucket Public Schools strongly urges anyone who travels outside of Massachusetts to be tested for COVID-19 or quarantine for 10 days upon returning. **It is our collective responsibility to be vigilant so that we can keep our schools open!** Please do your part in keeping our community and schools safe by sharing your travel plans with school or district administrators or school nurses. It is their job to make sure our school community is always safe and healthy. Here are some suggestions:

- Please plan to test or quarantine after returning from a trip out-of-state.
- Please notify your school if you are going to travel and stay outside of Massachusetts for more than a day.
- Please follow requirements outlined in the Massachusetts Travel Advisory.
- Families: after traveling, please do not send your child to school if he/she is experiencing any of the symptoms. Please consult the COVID Child Screening Protocol for help in determining whether you child should stay home.
- Staff members: please do not forget to fill out the NPS Staff Attestation Form every day, especially after traveling. It is your professional responsibility to do so.