



March 8, 2021

Dear SJPII School Families:

As the Easter break approaches, please note the following considerations. The last day of school before Easter will be Wednesday, March 31. **With that being said, we need you to let us know if you are traveling by March 29th, 2021 so we can provide you with a return date and have your child ready for remote learning.** Students will return to school on Monday, April 12. This information will be updated accordingly if there are any significant changes to guidance from the relevant health authorities (e.g., requirements to return to school after travel).

Communication of COVID-19 Cases During Break

It is important that communication of COVID-19 cases continue during the Easter break so that we can properly prepare for the return to school. For any cases that occur at the beginning of the break, we will be required to assist the department of health by identifying potential close contacts in the school. Tracking cases that occur toward the middle or end of the break will help us to identify if there will be students absent from school and whether we will need to make alternate arrangements due to a positive COVID-19 test or close contact with an individual who has tested positive. Please notify me immediately at principal@jp2rs.org.

Expectation to Follow CDC/NJ Department of Health Guidelines

All students, and their families are expected to abide by CDC/NJ Department of Health guidelines during the Easter break. Doing so serves the common good by limiting the exposure of others to COVID-19, as well as exposure of each individual. Members of the school community should be reminded that these acts of service should continue during the break.

Some of the most commonly discussed guidelines are:

- Wear a mask when indoors and among people from outside of the household;
- Limit participation in gatherings to those that are within the limits established by the NJ Department of Health or Executive Order. For general social gatherings, the limits are currently no more than 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors. Exceptions to these limits are available at [covid19.nj.gov](https://www.covid19.nj.gov).
- Observe a social distance of 6 feet when around people from outside the household, even when masks are worn;
- Wash and sanitize hands frequently.

Expectations for Travel

All members of a school community are expected to consider the impact on other members of the community, including teachers and students, when considering certain travel that requires quarantine upon return to NJ. According to the current NJ travel advisory for COVID-19, quarantine is not required after travel in any of the following circumstances:

- The travel is within NJ, NY, PA, DE, and CT;
- Travel to any state other than those listed is for less than 24 hours;
- The individual has had COVID-19 within the past 90 days;
- The individual has been fully vaccinated (received a second shot at least 2 weeks prior to the beginning of travel);

Students whose families choose to travel to a location which requires them to quarantine may return to school after a quarantine period of 10 days upon return from travel, or after a quarantine period of 7 days upon return from travel, with a negative viral/molecular/PCR COVID-19 test taken on or after the 5th day upon return from travel.

Thank you for your cooperation and please be safe!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Helen Persing