December 15, 2020

Dear Hopewell Staff and Community,

With the holidays upon us, the safety and health of our schools and the Hopewell community is our utmost priority. It is critical for all of us to consider the concerns and risks associated with travel and/or participating in gatherings. Some families may be traveling long distances to celebrate and connect with extended family. Please be mindful that travel does increase the chance of contracting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.

If you travel over the holidays, please be informed of the order issued by the Pennsylvania Secretary of Health regarding requirements for re-entry to the state of Pennsylvania.

- **Travelers over the age 11 entering Pennsylvania from locations outside the Commonwealth, including Pennsylvanians who are returning home from locations outside the Commonwealth, should produce evidence of a negative COVID-19 test taken 72 hours before your return, or place themselves in travel quarantine for 10 days upon entering without a test or 7 day quarantine with a negative Covid PCR test taken on or after day 5 of return, providing you maintain symptom free.** The day you return is day 0, then you count forward the recommended amount of time. This requirement will apply to all Hopewell students in grades 5 - 12.

- **If someone cannot get a test or chooses not to, they must quarantine for 10 days upon arrival in Pennsylvania.**

The complete amended travel requirements can be viewed on the Pennsylvania Department of Health Services website: [https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx#:~:text=The%20Secretary%20of%20Health%20issued%20quarantine%20for%2010%20days][1]

Be aware of the engagements you choose to participate in over the holidays and the risk they potentially may have on your family’s well-being and health. Please be honest and forthcoming about your travel, and consider how you can safely enjoy the holidays and be prepared afterward to return to the school buildings, without putting others at risk. Should you have any questions, please contact your child’s school nurse or principal.

Happy (and Safe) holidays to you and your family!

Sincerely,

Michelle Miller, EdD.
Superintendent