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To:



Dear SAA Family,

I want to take a moment to thank you for your diligence in helping keep our school community safe. We recognize how blessed we are to be finishing the first quarter of the school year without any COVID-19 transmissions on campus.

As we begin the second quarter we want to continue bringing more of our traditional activities back to our program. With this in mind, we have developed a framework to allow our secondary program to begin overnight travel (please see attached).

Our team has spent many hours weighing out the best way to balance logistics, COVID-19 regulations, and our desire to provide overnight travel opportunities to our students. This policy does have limitations that are driven by the logistics of procedures we are required to follow in the case of exposure. As trips begin to take place we will review the effectiveness of this policy. Our intent is to continue moving toward a fully traditional approach as COVID policies allow us to.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tissiana Bowerman

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SAA Policy Overnight Trips 2021-2022



Who Can Go

Students in grades 9-12 who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19



Selecting Your Location

- Positivity rates for destination city no more than 5% higher than Maryland and Montgomery County* positivity rates
- Maximum positivity rate of 12%*
- Location no more than 650 miles from SAA



Travel

Traveling by car/bus or by plane are permitted

Masks

Must be worn indoors and when required by outdoor venues, except while eating or sleeping



Parental Agreement



- Must provide health insurance card and proof of vaccination prior to trip departure
- Must pick up student within 24 hours if he/she tests positive during trip
- Must pay for additional COVID related expenses if required to pick up student (travel, hotel, etc)



COVID Testing

Students exhibiting any single COVID symptom will be tested using the closest urgent care or other testing facility

Other Requirements

- One student per bed
- One extra chaperone required to attend trip for purposes of meeting positive case protocol



*Positivity rate will be determined by www.covidactnow.org on the date of Board Approval and one week prior to trip departure