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Parents, Guardians and Staff,

COVID Update – International Travel

The opening of the U.S./Canada border and the upcoming Winter Break may have families considering international travel. Parents should be aware of the <u>federal travel guidance around COVID-19</u>, especially the restriction in attending school for unvaccinated students for 14 days following the international travel, including travel to the U.S. Unvaccinated students ages 12-17 are required to follow all quarantine requirements. Unvaccinated students under the age of 12 are not required to quarantine; however, these students have the following restrictions:

For the next 14 days, the children must:

- not attend school, camp or daycare
- not attend large or crowded settings, indoors or outdoors, such as an amusement park or sporting event
- not take buses, subways, trains or other crowded transportation
- not attend a setting where they may have contact with vulnerable people (e.g. long term care facility)
- stay in a place that allows the child to avoid all contact with any person that:
 - has an underlying medical condition that makes the person susceptible to complications related to COVID-19
 - o has a compromised immune system from a medical condition or treatment; or
 - o is 65 years of age or older
- Iimit contact with others:
 - remain with their fully vaccinated parent or guardian, as much as possible
- wear a mask and physically distance when in contact with non-household members

There is no allowance for unvaccinated students to return to school within 14 days following international travel, regardless of who they travel with or if they receive a negative PCR test result. If a student has to self-isolate by Public Health directions or due to international travel, students will be provided with homework packages and assignments within their Google Classroom accounts during the self-isolation period.

Regards,

Ahuni Ko

Sherri Ko Principal