



COVENANT  
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## Massachusetts COVID-19 Travel Order

At the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, Covenant's Board of Directors made the decision to meet or exceed the COVID-19 safety guidelines required by the State of Massachusetts. This document seeks to provide clarity on one particular requirement that we receive frequent questions around, **The Massachusetts COVID-19 Travel Order**.

### The MA COVID-19 Travel Order reads:

"All visitors entering Massachusetts, including returning residents, who do not meet an exemption, are required to:

- Complete the Massachusetts Travel Form prior to arrival, unless you are visiting from a lower-risk state designated by the Department of Public Health.
- Quarantine for 10 days or produce a negative COVID-19 test result that has been administered up to 72-hours prior to your arrival, or upon arrival in Massachusetts.
- If your COVID-19 test result has not been received prior to arrival, visitors, and residents must quarantine until they receive a negative test result.
- Failure to comply may result in a \$500 fine per day."

### A few points of helpful clarification:

1. As mentioned above, CCA adheres to the MA COVID-19 Travel Order. Since the travel order and exemptions are subject to updates, please read the most recent version at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order>
2. In addition to the state form, please also fill out the [CCA Travel Log Form](#).
3. CCA students traveling outside of MA, who do not meet an exemption, need to produce a negative PCR COVID-19 test (or complete a 10 day quarantine) before returning to campus. Test results should be emailed directly to our school nurse, Christen Ashley: [school.nurse@ccamail.org](mailto:school.nurse@ccamail.org). [Stop the Spread](#) sites are recommended for PCR testing as they are free with a fast turnaround time.
4. Any student returning from international travel will be required to obtain a PCR test no sooner than 5 days after returning to the United States, with a negative test result being provided to the nurse before returning to school.
5. Please see the mass.gov website for details about current exemptions which include traveling to a lower risk state, transitory travel, persons commuting to work or school, patients seeking or receiving medical treatment, military personnel, workers providing critical infrastructure service, and same day trips for critical life activities, which include:
  - Grocery shopping, visits to pharmacies, attending appointments with licensed health care providers including medical, dental, or mental health, visiting persons receiving treatment in hospitals or residing in congregate care settings, attendance at day care or children's camps, attending religious services and funerals or memorial services, or attending to the care needs of family members.

6. Recreational and social activities **do not qualify** as “critical life activities” as interpreted by the CCA Board of Directors. These include, but are not limited to, skiing, shopping for non-essentials, social visits, hiking, sight-seeing, and dining. Additionally, staying at a rented or owned property overnight in a “higher risk state” is not listed as an exemption by the State, as interpreted by the CCA Board of Directors.
7. Please note, the burden of eligibility lies with any individual/family claiming to meet the requirements for any exemption outlined in the government policy. In the event you have a special situation which you believe qualifies for an exemption, but is not specifically listed, please seek counsel from your local or state DPH to ensure it meets the requirements for any state issued exemptions.. Individuals will need to attest to having sought counsel from the DPH and provide a written statement explaining eligibility.
8. A statement of explanation identifying the additional exemption and reasons for qualification must be submitted to the school.
9. If an additional exemption is accepted by the school, a commitment must be made to adhere strictly to all additional guidelines for travel provided by both the sending and receiving states.
10. If the school becomes aware of any violations, we have an obligation to ensure that the travel order requirements, including testing or quarantine, are met prior to return to in-person learning.

It is our sincere desire to implement safety measures as a school that help mitigate risk and keep our entire community safe. It is in this spirit that we have chosen to follow and enforce these State Guidelines within our school community. We ask that, as a member of our community, you choose to willingly comply with these guidelines as a way of prioritizing the good of the community. Thank you.