



Bluffview Montessori

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Greetings Bluffview families,

I want to send out communication regarding spring break travel. Given the potential for a spike of COVID-19 infections to spread in our communities, any unnecessary travel is highly discouraged. If you travel outside the state or country for any reason, do what you can to protect yourself and your family. The safest thing to do is to stay home, but if you do decide to travel, testing prior can help you do so more safely.

Our school community, and Winona as a whole has done well to drive down the case counts to enable us to get the kids into schools safely. Our goal is of course to keep the kids onsite which could be derailed by a new wave of community spread of Covid-19

Before you travel, think about:

- How much COVID-19 is spreading where you are going and how much it is spreading in your local community.
- Whether you or someone you are traveling with could get very sick from COVID-19, including the potential for bringing it into the school.
- How easy or difficult it will be to keep 6 feet between people.

You and your travel companions may pose a risk to your family, friends, and community after your travel. If you do decide to travel, following your return, MDH strongly recommends that you do a self-imposed quarantine for 10 days and keep an eye out for any symptoms of COVID-19. Quarantining upon your return is not required by the district, but we want to take every possible action to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and community. You should also consider getting tested 3–5 days after your trip and continuing to quarantine away from others.

In conclusion, we all have a shared responsibility to keep the school free of incidents of Covid related quarantines. Everyone has a role to play in reducing the spread of COVID-19, let's count on each other to keep our schools and community safe.

Sincerely,

Henry Schantzen