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Dear Old Colony Community,

I hope this message finds you & your loved ones well. The purpose of this correspondence is to provide you with essential information & updates pertaining to our ongoing efforts to bring some level of normalcy back for our students and their families as we continue to manage the education, safety and well-being of our Old Colony community. We are well aware that throughout the pandemic, families have been through a variety of experiences that have shaped (and will continue to shape) their feelings pertaining to our efforts and the state of education in the Commonwealth.

Over the course of the past two weeks, we have assembled a document that addresses answers to many of the questions asked as part of our planning process for reentry to school. A copy of this document is available at the following [link](#). We remain aware that it is nearly impossible to make decisions that will please all stakeholders. With this in mind, we continue to lead with open ears and will host the last of three listening sessions for community members on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Your insights and feedback are always welcome. You may register to attend this meeting at the following [link](#).

Travel Guideline Protocol

With April vacation scheduled for April 19-23, we want to provide a friendly reminder regarding our travel protocol. In an effort to decrease the potential introduction of the COVID-19 virus within our community, we recommend that all staff and student travelers returning from a “High Risk State”, “Red” state or “International Travel Advisory” location quarantine for 10 days upon return to Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health urges testing consistent with the “Stop the Spread Initiative”.

Below is the list of symptoms for which all parents/caregivers should monitor their children daily, prior to school attendance. Staff should monitor themselves:

- Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking chills
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Headache when in combination with other symptoms
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies) when in combination with other symptoms

We look forward to a full return to in-person learning on Monday, April 26, 2021. As always, please feel free to contact me with any question and/or concerns at (508) 763-8011 ext. 116 or via email at apolansky@oldcolony.info. We thank you for your support, partnership, and contribution to our school community.

Sincerely,

Aaron L. Polansky, Superintendent-Director