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Dear Frontier Parents:

The COVID-19 virus pandemic has affected all of us and has forever changed our attitude and knowledge of a viral epidemic. It alters every aspect of our lives. **The good news is that the testing program seems to be very efficient and is readily available. We have been told that the real antidote will be the vaccine and many individuals are now being vaccinated.** All of us are doing everything possible to protect ourselves, our families and the Frontier students & staff.

Recently, the leaders of the five WNY county health departments (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Niagara) issued a joint statement about travel related to the upcoming school breaks.

With vacation breaks scheduled in February and April for many schools, our departments are strongly discouraging travel to areas of the country with high rates of COVID-19 transmission, known cases of variant COVID-19 strains, or areas that do not have COVID-19 safety measures in place.

If school staff or families choose to travel, NYS travel advisory guidance will apply for travelers who are in a noncontiguous state for more than 24 hours.

Quarantine option:

- Travelers must quarantine for 10 days following arrival in New York
OR
- Travelers must obtain a diagnostic COVID-19 test within three days of departure, prior to arrival in NY, and the traveler must, upon arrival in NY, quarantine for three days, and on day four of their quarantine, the traveler must obtain another COVID-19 diagnostic test. If both test results are negative,

With the February and April break fast approaching, we know that parents may be taking their children **on** vacation. **If this is the case, please notify the school office before your trip so that we are advised of the travel and can take precautions when the your children return to school. Our primary goal is to reduce the risk of travel-based cases keeping all our students and staff safe.**

In the last few months, the COVID-19 transmission rate **within the schools has been virtually non-existent due to wearing masks, being six feet apart and hand sanitation.** Most of Frontier's COVID-19 cases are originating by family transmission.

Please assist the Frontier Community in this regard.

Sincerely,

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