



November 5, 2020

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you healthy and well.

I am writing today to inform you of our school travel policy while the COVID-19 emergency is still in effect. Mother Seton School is committed to maintaining a healthy environment for our students, staff, and faculty. In an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19, MSS has implemented this travel policy to outline the return-to-school process for anyone traveling outside the State of Maryland. This policy was made in accordance with current State guidance, as well as recommendations from the Daughters of Charity (DOC) and the Archdiocese of Baltimore (AOB). It applies only to those students who attend in-person instruction.

For purposes of this policy, “high risk” refers to areas that have had a COVID-19 positivity rate of 10% or greater or 15,000 or more positive COVID-19 cases in the seven days prior to departure or during the intended length of stay. **MSS will post the high-risk areas on our website at [MotherSetonSchool.org](https://www.MotherSetonSchool.org) and in Tuesday News.** We will use the same list as the State and DOC. Additionally, **any travel by air is considered high risk, regardless of destination.**

Caregivers of students (attending in person) are advised that if they intend to travel to an area considered “high risk” and/or by air, **notification of such intention must be communicated to me and your child’s teacher as far in advance as possible.** This will allow us time to transition your student to remote learning if necessary.

Those traveling will be required to quarantine upon their return, until they either provide evidence of a negative test result for COVID-19 and are asymptomatic, or they complete an entire 14 day quarantine. Students in quarantine may participate in the remote learning program. Arrangements will be made with your child’s teacher.

**Pennsylvania residents:** As of the date of this letter, Pennsylvania has been added to the list of states considered high risk. However, you may continue in-school instruction in compliance with our previously stated COVID-19 prevention measures as long as you remain within a 25-mile radius of Emmitsburg. **Should any Pennsylvania student travel outside this limit for a stay longer than 24 hours, they will be subject to the self-quarantine mandate.**

I understand this may cause an inconvenience to our families, especially during the holidays when we are most anxious to visit relatives. However, I have a duty to protect our school community as best I can, and to mitigate any health risks so we may continue to safely remain

open for in-school instruction. I appreciate your patience and understanding at this time. With cooperation and prayer, we will get through this together.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [kkilty@mothersetonschool.org](mailto:kkilty@mothersetonschool.org).

Again, thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen J. Kilty".

Kathleen J. Kilty, PhD  
Principal