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Greetings Gaarde Families,

Thank you for your continued support of our healthy campus policy. We recognize many families have made the decision not to travel out of an abundance of caution and to protect our campus. We thank you for your caution. We are excited about the promise of spring and warmer weather. With the decrease in Covid-19 cases, county risk level declining, and a change in the state recommendations for travel, we felt a revision of our travel policy was in order.

In researching current travel guidelines issued by the state of Oregon and the CDC, we have revised our travel policy as follows:

- A. Out of Country Travel:** Students/staff will need to quarantine for **10 days** upon return from traveling out of the country.
  - 1. After **five (5)** days of isolation, individuals may choose to get a COVID test.
  - 2. Negative results (must provide proof) allows the return to school but must wear face-covering for the remaining **five (5)** days of quarantine while at school regardless of waiver status.
- B. Interstate Travel:** Students/staff traveling out of state to and /or engaged in high risk\* activity (i.e., large group gathering, mass sporting event, concert, etc.) it is recommended that individuals isolate for **three (3) to five (5) days** upon return and exercise caution during the trip.
- C. Intrastate Travel:** Please use caution when traveling inside the state. When visiting high-risk towns or counties and/or engaged in high-risk\* activity (i.e., large group gathering, mass sporting event, concert, etc.), we may ask you to self-quarantine.

\*CDC definitions of risk:

**Lowest risk:** Virtual-only activities, events, and gatherings.

**More risk:** Smaller outdoor and in-person gatherings in which individuals from different households remain space at least 6 feet apart, wear masks, do not share objects, and come from the same local area (e.g., community, town, city, or county).

**Higher risk:** Medium-sized in-person gatherings that are adapted to allow individuals to remain space at least 6 feet apart and with attendees coming from outside the local area.

**Highest risk:** Large in-person gatherings where it is difficult for individuals to remain spaced at least 6 feet apart, and attendees travel from outside the local area.

We feel truly blessed by the community and partnership we have built with families and students. We are thankful for God's protection and blessing over our campus.

Blessings,

Cindy Loayza

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