

# Canaan Schools

October 28, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our ongoing communication with you is a critical part of our mission to respond proactively to the challenges presented to us by this pandemic. We are striving to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for the staff and students at Canaan School, but doing so takes a collaborative effort and we all need to work together, to decrease the potential risks associated with exposure of the virus.

As numbers are rising around us, we have been planning extensively in the event that we need to switch to remote learning. Enclosed you will find the following documents to assist with the transition.

- **Food Service Delivery USDA Requirement-** Meals will continue to be provided if we switch to full remote learning and we will share more detailed information at the start of this transition. To be eligible for the meals should this happen, the enclosed form must be returned. If you have already completed this form via Survey Monkey, you do not need to return it.
- **Canaan Schools Remote Learning and Guidance for Students and Families Handbook** -This document is subject to change and can also be found under the COVID-19 tab on the Canaan Schools website.

We are all trying to find a balance between adhering to the guidelines to address the safety and health of our students, staff and community while also meeting everyone's physical and emotional needs. Recently, I shared information around the travel restrictions but yesterday we received some clarification around the school's role and responsibility regarding student travel and activities outside of Vermont. While we can not tell you what to do and where to go, or mandate a quarantine, we can educate you and inform you of the risks in doing so and what you should do per Governor Scott's Executive Order, the VT Department of Health and VT Agency of Education guidance.

We encourage families to follow the guidelines and quarantine if necessary to decrease the risks of bringing the virus to our school and community. Should you choose to visit VT beyond for the purpose of attending school, if the county you live in is yellow or red, the guidelines state you must do a 14 day quarantine or a 7 day quarantine followed by a negative COVID test before visiting. More details about the travel can be found at the following link, <https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/restart/cross-state-travel>.

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Restricting travel is one way to reduce the risks associated with bringing the virus to VT and keeping VT infectious rates low. While I encourage families to engage in positive healthy activities together, it is safest to do these activities at home or in areas that are not placed under travel restrictions. We appreciate you assisting us to keep our school and community safe. Please continue to adhere to all precaution measures such as mask wearing, hand washing, staying home when sick, social distancing, following travel restrictions and cleaning frequently touched surfaces.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at [mprehemo@canaanschools.org](mailto:mprehemo@canaanschools.org) or 1-802-266-8910 ext 3149.

Take Care,

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