



Dear St. James Families,

I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we have worked through this school year in the midst of the pandemic. We implemented a mitigation plan back in early August to help keep our school doors open. The Covid-19 virus is still spreading and has hit our community very hard. Please keep everyone in your prayers for health and healing. Even with the rising numbers, due to the hard work of our entire staff and your support, we have been very successful at staying in school.

Part of the mitigation plan states that we would need to stay flexible and follow the CDC's and local health official's changing guidelines. The Board of Education is continually reviewing the plan and considers changes due to the current conditions of our school and community. One change that has been discussed often is travel and quarantine. We understand that Christmas is only three weeks away and many people would like to see their loved ones. The original mitigation plan called for a 14 day quarantine if you traveled beyond a bordering state. The CDC no longer recommends a 14 day quarantine and the Board of Education has revised the plan to use the current CDC guidelines. So for now, there is no need to quarantine if you travel; however, you are to closely monitor for any symptoms for at least 5 days after your trip. Keep in mind, that if the CDC guidelines change, we will change with it.

So, on behalf of the Board of Education, enjoy time with your families, be safe, and stay healthy.

Thank you,

Ross Beversdorf

St. James Board of Education, Director.