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Out of State Weekend Getaway Covid Testing Protocol

The Dudley-Charlton Regional School District is following the MA state travel order. All requirements of this order are being followed for re-entry back to the school for all students and staff. If you are planning to travel outside of MA, even for just the weekend, the MA travel guidelines state that upon return, you must provide proof of a negative PCR test that has been administered (meaning the sample has been taken) within 72 hours prior to arrival in MA. If not obtained before entry to Massachusetts, a test may be obtained after arrival, however, all such arriving travelers must immediately begin the 10-day quarantine until a negative test result has been received. The negative test result must be provided to your school nurse **before** returning to school.

["COVID-19 Travel Order,"](#)

To be clear about this, the purpose of getting the test either before you re-enter MA or after your return is to ensure that while you were traveling, you were not exposed to Covid-19 and therefore potentially bring the virus back to MA. Other states travel guidelines must also be followed. The state that you are traveling to may require a negative test prior to your stay. If you get tested before you leave, that test would only be valid for that purpose. Even though it is only a weekend, your options would be to test while you are there before you re-enter MA, or to test when you return and quarantine until you receive those test results. The test **MUST be a PCR test**. Results of the test could take up to 3-5 days depending on where you get tested. In choosing which test site to use that is best for you, ask for a timeline for a PCR test result.

The links below can assist in finding test sites in MA upon return:

[Find a COVID-19 Test](#)

[Local Covid Testing_.pdf](#)

Surrounding MA states travel guidelines:

Check out the links below to assist with finding out surrounding states travel guidelines.

New Hampshire: [Out-of-state Visitors | Safer at Home](#)

Vermont: [Visitors to Vermont](#)

Maine: [Travel Protocols](#)

Connecticut: [Travel in or Out of CT](#)

Rhode Island: [Travel Information for Residents and Visitors](#) | [RI COVID-19 Information Portal](#)