



Weston Public Schools  
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## MEMORANDUM

To: WPS Families & Staff  
From: William S. McKersie, Ph.D., Superintendent  
Date: March 9, 2020  
Subject: COVID-19 Update 3.9.2020 – **Travel Restrictions of WPS-Sponsored Programs**

### **Background**

We are providing periodic updates to WPS families and staff about the district's efforts to keep students and staff safe and healthy through the COVID-19 outbreak. Intensive work has been underway on both phases of the action planning.

Updates on the following topics will should be expected by families and staff (with notation for status):

- Overview Statement on Action Planning Phases (Prevention; District Closure) – 2.27.20
- School/District Closure Procedures – 3.6.20
- Early Dismissal on March 10, 2020 for Planning – 3.6.20
- School and Classroom Cleaning – 3.6.20
- Travel Restrictions for WPS-Sponsored Programs -- 3.9.20
- Academic Programs During Possible Closure – Pending
- School Calendar Implications of Possible Closure -- Pending

Our updates are sent in a “Be Prepared” mode. They should not be allowed to induce concerns, fears, or rumors. Our intent is to help keep WPS families and staff calm during what has become an understandably trying and anxious time. We will inform all families and staff if we have one or more medically-confirmed cases of COVID-19, and immediately announce the status of the district.

### **Travel Restrictions for WPS-Sponsored Programs**

Out of an abundance of caution, and to align with decisions since Friday by several local school districts, we are immediately instituting the following restrictions on WPS-sponsored travel through the end of the school year.

- 1) We are cancelling all WPS-sponsored international travel. There was only one such trip (to Spain); students and families were notified in person on Friday.
- 2) We are cancelling all WPS-sponsored out of state travel.
- 3) We will allow within-state travel to continue for the time being, but will review each trip on a case-by-case basis.
- 4) We will make an exception for athletics for regional travel for the time being. Each of these few out-of-state trips will be reviewed individually, and they cannot be trips entailing air travel.

We would recommend that families and staff use good judgement in deciding on their private travel. We recommend checking with CDC travel advisories.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

Thank for your support and cooperation as we together navigate new and challenging waters, requiring many difficult decisions. Our highest priority is the health and safety of WPS students, staff and families.