



Southbridge Public Schools

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Dear Families,

As we head into Thanksgiving break, I'd like to wish you a happy and peaceful holiday. Thanksgiving break runs from Wednesday, November 25 to Friday, November 27, with school resuming on Monday, November 30. The weekly report of COVID-19 data is usually released on Thursday evening. Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, we expect this data to be released on Friday. As always, we will update our website promptly with information about what color category Southbridge is in when the report is released.

I encourage you to follow guidelines for COVID-19 safety during the long holiday weekend. It is important to keep up with social distancing, the use of masks, hand-washing, and hand-sanitizing. If you choose to travel outside of Massachusetts, you must follow the requirements of the [Massachusetts COVID-19 travel order](#). The travel order states that all persons entering Massachusetts, including residents returning home, are required to quarantine for 14 days or to produce a negative COVID-19 test result that has been taken up to 72 hours before arrival in Massachusetts. An exception is made for those traveling from a "safe state," which is currently limited to only Vermont and Hawaii. An updated list of states that are considered safe for travel is available on the [website for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health](#). Please call your child's school if you have any questions about attendance requirements, safety concerns, and remote learning.

Although we find ourselves in unusual times with the continued spread of COVID-19, I hope that you are able to find a way to enjoy a peaceful Thanksgiving while staying safe. Thank you for your diligence and patience as we have adjusted to the requirements of the COVID-19 pandemic and how it impacts our school community. My best wishes to you and your loved ones during this holiday season.

Regards,

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