

TAOS is monitoring the spread of the COVID 19 virus and the potential effect it might have on our students, staff, and school. I know that many of you will travel over spring break. With the health and well-being of our students, schools and the Seminole community in mind, if you are traveling internationally, please be aware of where you are in relation to Coronavirus/COVID 19 hotspots. Conditions relative to the virus are changing daily and may have a significant impact on your ability to return to the U.S. and your children's ability to immediately return to school. Families should also be aware of potential areas within the United States, which might be declared a hotspot as well.

At this time, if a student travels to and returns from a country, region, state or city that the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has designated a Level 2 Bio-Alert or Level 3 Bio-Warning (whether that level was designated before or during their stay), they will be expected to self-quarantine for 14 days upon their return. Currently, China, Iran, Italy, South Korea, Hong Kong, and Japan are on the list of countries designated at Level 2 or Level 3. If you are traveling over spring break, please continue to monitor the CDC website or news outlets for additional countries or locations which may be added. Please refer frequently to the CDC Travelers Guidance as other countries may be elevated to Level 2 or 3 at any time. Additionally, if you traveled to any country that the CDC designated as a Level 2 or Level 3, you must email us at [taos@theacademyof.org](mailto:taos@theacademyof.org). This will help us comply with requests from health officials and aid in the prevention of the spread of this illness.

If a parent or family member of a student travels to or from a Level 2 or 3 area and has contact with an TAOS student without first undergoing a 14-day quarantine and seeking medical clearance, the student will not be allowed to come back to school until after a 14-day self-quarantine. After the 14-day period, if your child is symptom-free, they will be allowed to return to school. During any individual quarantine, TAOS faculty and staff will work with your students to keep them as current as possible in their studies.

You can monitor which countries are on the CDC level 2 or 3 list at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

Thank you for your careful attention to student and staff safety.

Sincerely,

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