



January 7, 2021

Dear Mercy families,

As we prepare to welcome many of our Mercy Girls back to campus on Monday, January 11, we remind our community of the following:

- If a student (**hybrid or virtual**) has tested positive for COVID-19 or is awaiting COVID-19 test results or is exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, then their parent or guardian needs to contact our school nurse, [Ms. Mary Rizzi-Ayd, RN, BSN](#).
- Hand washing, social distancing, wearing masks, limiting contacts, and avoiding crowds help to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The CDC warns that travel increases your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19 and recommends that the best way to protect yourself and others is to stay home. Should a student, faculty, or staff member choose to travel, please notify Ms. Rizzi-Ayd in writing prior to any out-of-state travel. Please include both the date(s) of your travel and travel location.

Kindly note that if your student traveled out-of-state while on break or will be traveling in the future, they are required to follow the guidelines below prior to returning to campus:

- Quarantine for 14 days
- Be symptom free.

For students who are learning in the hybrid model, we are now asking all hybrid learners to complete the MyMedBot questionnaire ***daily***, including the days when your group is learning at home. In so doing, this will better help to monitor and track the health and well-being of our community.

Thank you for encouraging your daughter to observe the above guidelines. Your support and awareness will help keep our community healthy and our Mercy Girls learning on campus!

We continue to carefully monitor our evolving external environment, and our response will continue to be prudent. Thank you again for your partnership at this challenging time.

Sincerely,

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Dean of Students

Mary Rizzi-Ayd, RN, BSN
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