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Compared to a year ago, the option to travel over the winter break is more plausible, thanks in large part to those who have been vaccinated.

As we have learned though, in the last couple of years, there is no short and easy route to a full return to our usual habits and routines. With the advent of the latest variant of concern, Omicron, there have been changes to the rules and requirements for travel to the US and internationally.

If you are considering traveling over the winter break, please ensure you are well-versed with all federal regulations including possible quarantine, testing requirements and timing, and of course, vaccination requirements. [Click here](#) for the latest travel guidance from the federal government.

In particular, for those considering travel to destinations other than the US or Canada please note: **Temporary border restrictions and measures to address COVID-19 Omicron variant of concern:**

In effect: *There are new requirements for all **fully vaccinated travelers** who have been in any country other than Canada and the United States in the 14 days prior to entry to Canada. Fully vaccinated travelers who are selected for arrival testing must [quarantine in a suitable place](#) until they receive a negative test result. The Government of Canada is increasing the number of fully vaccinated travelers being selected for testing to reach 100% of vaccinated travelers in the coming weeks.*

AND

Unvaccinated and partially vaccinated youth 12 to 17 years of age are subject to the 14-day quarantine, and all testing requirements for pre-entry, arrival and Day-8 tests, whether or not they are accompanied by travelers who qualify as a fully vaccinated traveler.

Please know, the school cannot make any exceptions for a student to attend school if they have been ordered to quarantine, even if they have a negative PCR test. The full 14 day quarantine must be adhered to.

If a student is required to miss school due to international travel regulations (self-isolation or quarantine), they are encouraged to follow their classes on Google Classroom and Moodle and reach out to their teacher as needed. While teachers differ on how they conduct their lessons, there is no school wide plan to support any virtual learning.

Whatever your plans, we hope you have a restful and enjoyable winter break and we look forward to seeing everyone return in the New Year.

Best Regards,

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