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Dear DCIU Employee:

As the holidays are upon us and traveling is often associated with the season and winter break, we thought it pertinent that we address the state travel mandate that is effective tomorrow, Friday, November 20, 2020 until further notice.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has issued a mandate to discourage out of state travel to slow the spread of COVID-19. The order requires Pennsylvanians who travel out of state or country to obtain a negative COVID-19 test result 72 hours prior to their return OR quarantine for 14 days upon return to PA. "Quarantine" means the separation and restriction of the movement of individuals who may have been exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick while they are awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test or within 14 days, whichever is sooner.

Exceptions to the Department of Health's order include traveling routinely for work or critical purposes, such as medical appointments or to comply with a court order such as custody exchanges. You can find more information here: [PA DOH Info for Travelers](#).

As education staff, we all know how hard we have worked to be able to provide safe, in person instruction for the benefit of our students and families. We are respectfully asking you not jeopardize the efforts made to provide the safest educational/employment experience possible in these challenging times. The DCIU supports the state's mitigation efforts and strongly cautions against out of state travel as set forth in the order until further notice.

The very clear reality is that most people who opt to travel out of state will not be able to obtain a test in a timely fashion as set forth in the order. A significant number of individuals quarantining, because of an affirmative choice, could very well result in the DCIU having to shut down its physical locations. Pursuant to the order, enforcement does not rest with any employers including the DCIU. This is a personal mandate and everyone in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania bears a responsibility to comply with it.

If you are exposed to a COVID positive case OR you begin to feel ill, follow the provisions of the DCIU's health and safety plan before returning to work.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work through this unprecedented situation together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maria Edelberg".

Dr. Maria Edelberg
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