



# WEYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## Weymouth Public Schools Return to School Excused Absence Protocol

Weymouth Public Schools has established a protocol which will be used to enforce “remote-in” learning opportunities, and unexcused absences for in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year, effective on April 5, 2021. Please review this summary, and details below, to understand how excused absences will be granted for the remainder of the school year:

Reasoning	Opportunity for Remote Learning	Excused Absence
Vacation/Long Weekend	No	No
Waiting for test results due to MA Travel Advisory	No	No
Other Absence	No	No
Illness/Exhibiting COVID-19 Symptoms	Yes, Temporary, after 48 hours	N/A
Quarantine Order: Close Contact	Yes - Temporary, 10-14 days	N/A
Quarantine Order: Positive Test Result	Yes - Temporary, 10-14 days	N/A
Family no longer feels in-person learning is safe	Yes - Permanent until the end of 2021 school year	N/A

**Vacation/Long Weekend: No.** If a student is going away on a vacation or weekend event early on a Friday, there is no “remote-in” learning option. They are considered absent and must make-up any missed work as has always been the district policy when families extend weekends or vacations.

**Waiting for test results due to MA Travel Advisory: No.** Students can not ‘remote-in’ while waiting for test results due to traveling back to Massachusetts. This period of waiting for results is considered an extension of the trip outside the state.

**Other Absence: No.** If a student is absent on the day that they are supposed to be present in-person, they cannot remote-in that day. They are marked absent since they are not physically present for their in-person class. Giving students the option to “remote-in” is too last minute and disruptive to class rosters changing on a daily basis, and does not allow teachers ample time to properly plan classroom and online materials.

**Illness/Exhibiting COVID-19 Symptoms. Yes, after 48 hours.**

Any student that is ill and has been advised by the nurse to stay home, or is sent home from school sick, should be resting and/or receiving medical attention, and will not have access to remote learning for 48 hours. If a student is going to be out of school for more than 3 days as a result of a required quarantine, a positive COVID-19 test result, or a different illness, parents or caregivers should contact their child’s school principal to discuss a remote learning option.

**Quarantine Order: Yes.** If a student is asked to quarantine due to a positive COVID-19 test result or close contact to someone else who is positive, we can temporarily set up links for the student to “remote-in” to their current schedule, if they feel well enough, without switching their entire schedule. This change is temporary, and should not exceed 10-14 days.

**Moving to Remote Learning for Long Term: Yes.** If a family feels that in-person learning is unsafe, they may request to move their student to remote learning for the remainder of this school year. This request requires proper planning at the school level, and is subject to a reasonable transition period to allow preparations to comply with DESE in-person instruction regulations.

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**Governor Baker’s COVID-19 Travel Advisory Effective 3/22/2021:**

*In accordance with Governor Baker’s COVID-19 Travel Advisory, individuals are subject to quarantine for 10 days, or have a negative COVID PCR test (not a rapid antigen test) within 72 hours of returning to the state of Massachusetts after traveling outside of the state for more than 24 hours. For children under the age of 10, a parent/guardian with whom they traveled must have a negative PCR test within 72 hours of returning to Massachusetts, or the child must quarantine for 10 days. If parent, guardians, or children are waiting for COVID-19 test results, they must quarantine at home until results are available. Parents/guardians should contact their school nurse once test results have been received. Travelers who are fully vaccinated (i.e. who have received two doses of either the Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines OR who have received a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, 14 days or more ago) and who do not have symptoms are exempt from this advisory.*