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Dear Little Flower Families,

As the holidays approach, I am certain we are all looking forward to spending time with those we may not have seen for quite some time due to the restrictions related to the coronavirus pandemic and out of concern for the health and safety of loved ones.

Please remember that, while seeing friends and family is enjoyable, keeping ourselves and those friends and family safe is of even greater importance. As per [recent health data](#), the United States is still seeing record number of new COVID-19 cases daily. New York State has moved to a [color-coded cluster zoning system](#) due to increased numbers of cases. Dozens of [Long Island schools or districts](#) have closed due to positive cases. We are not out of the pandemic, and must not relax our protocols nor let our guard down.

It is with this that I remind you of the [COVID-19 Travel Advisory](#) as issued by the Governor's Office and Department of Health. As of today, there are 40 states and territories included on this list, subject to change based on trend data.

I ask that you consider planning your holiday gatherings and travel around this guidance. As we have all witnessed or heard in our [local schools](#), one positive case can significantly impact a district's operations. Never before has one person's decisions had the potential to impact the lives of so many. What may seem an innocent gathering may become a "super-spreader" event causing numerous complications. Often times, we find out too late who was positive, who was asymptomatic, and who was in close contact to prevent further spread.

Little Flower School is too critical a component in the academic, behavioral, and social-emotional success of our students, and we cannot afford to lose these valuable opportunities our faculty and staff have worked so hard to provide under our [Reopening Plan](#). Please help us preserve the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff through your informed decisions and maintenance of health and safety recommendations of the [CDC](#) and [NYS DOH](#).

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support, stay healthy, and safely enjoy the holiday season.