

BSECC Travel Policies

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The Maryland Department of Health still strongly recommends that all Marylanders refrain from nonessential travel. However, if your child or any member of the household is traveling or you have visitors to your home, we are requiring that all families with children enrolled in the ECC take the precautions described below.

Please remember that regardless of your plans, you should always take necessary Covid-19 precautions, which include: wearing a mask when in public, social distancing (at least 6 feet), avoiding large crowds of people, and frequent hand washing. This is for any occasion that you are socializing with others outside of your “immediate pod.”

For the purposes of this document:

- “Immediate pod” means any individuals with whom you have close contact on a regular basis (this does not mean the child’s class pod at Beth Shalom).
- A person is considered “vaccinated” 2 weeks past the individual’s final Covid-19 shot.

Travel

If your child or any member of the household is travelling for an overnight stay in another home or commercial lodging (hotel, Airbnb, etc.) with one or more individuals who are outside your immediate pod who are NOT vaccinated, your child must get a PCR test and submit a negative result to ECC staff before returning to school.

The timing of your child’s PCR test is determined as follows:

- Your child may get a PCR test **immediately upon the traveler’s return home** if (1) all of the non-vaccinated individuals outside of your immediate pod get PCR tested within 3 days before your initial contact, (2) all test results are negative, **and** (3) none of the tested individuals take public transportation after being tested.
- Your child must wait to get the PCR test until **after the traveler’s return home and at least 4 days after the traveler’s initial contact with the non-vaccinated individuals, whichever is later**, if (1) all of the non-vaccinated individuals outside of your immediate pod get PCR tested within 3 days before your arrive at your destination **and** (2) one or more of the non-vaccinated individuals takes public transportation after being tested.
- Your child must wait to get the PCR test until **at least 4 days after the traveler’s return home** if not all of the non-vaccinated individuals outside of your immediate pod are [PCR] tested within 3 days before you arrive at your destination.

If your child or any member of the household is travelling for an overnight stay in another home or commercial lodging (hotel, Airbnb, etc.) where all individuals who are outside your immediate pod are vaccinated, no testing or quarantine is required before your child may return to school.

Public Transportation - If your child or any non-vaccinated member of the household travels via public transportation (airplane, inter-state bus or train), your child will be required to remain at home and get a PCR test at least 4 days after the traveler's return home. A negative PCR test result must be submitted to ECC staff before your child can return to school.

Visitors

If you have any non-vaccinated overnight visitors who are outside of your immediate pod staying in your house, we request that all non-vaccinated visitors be tested within 3 days before their arrival. Non vaccinated visitors should only arrive once a negative test result has been received.

If all non-vaccinated visitors are tested before their arrival **and** none of them travel via public transportation (airplane, inter-state bus or train) after being tested, your child can attend school without getting a PCR test.

If any non-vaccinated visitor is not tested before arrival at your house or if any non-vaccinated visitor travels via public transportation (airplane, inter-state bus or train) after being tested, your child will be required to remain at home and get a PCR test at least 4 days after that non-vaccinated visitor arrives at your house. A negative PCR test result must be submitted to ECC staff before the child can return to school.

If you have overnight visitors who are outside of your immediate pod staying in your house and each individual is vaccinated, no testing or quarantine is required before your child may return to school.

To access Maryland testing sites, visit
<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/symptoms-testing>

If you need assistance in finding a testing site, please contact the ECC office.

If you have any specific questions regarding any of our school policies, please let us know.