

Towne Creek Travel Policy

Towne Creek and our families have done an outstanding job of keeping our children safe and our school open. We want to continue to provide a safe, COVID-19 free space for your children. To do that, we must have policies in place regarding travel.

The COVID-19 virus makes this very difficult. Once exposed, you may not develop any symptoms for 2 to 14 days. By the time you exhibit symptoms, you may have already exposed everyone you have been in contact with for at least a day if not longer. Also, you could be asymptomatic and still spread the virus to others without knowing it. Because of all these factors, it makes it hard to come up with a travel policy that will cover every type of travel situation you may encounter. The best we can do is listen to the CDC and local health officials and follow their advice.

Currently, the CDC does not recommend non-essential travel due to the Level 3 Risk level (high risk) throughout the world. However, if you must travel, it does have information on their website that can help reduce your risk of transmission. It also has recommendations of what to do After Travel and how long you should wait before returning to work/school

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html>

You may also visit the Fort Bend County Health Department Page regarding precautions post travel (scroll to the bottom of the page).

<https://www.fbchealth.org/ncov/>

Taking all of this into consideration, Towne Creek has put the following travel policy in place:

The following circumstances are examples that would require your child(ren) to quarantine prior to their return to school:

1. If you are traveling internationally, no matter the mode of transportation, while there is a COVID Level 3 Risk assigned to your destination
2. If you are traveling in the US to a Level 3 Risk location (currently the entire US) by any mode (other than in a car with your immediate family).
3. If you are staying at a resort and sharing public spaces (pools, dining rooms, etc.) with other tourists.
4. If you are staying in a group of 10 or more people or attending an event where there is no social distancing and attendees are not wearing masks.

If these circumstances apply to your travel situation, your child(ren) will need to quarantine for:

1. Seven days and bring proof of a negative viral COVID test (taken at least 3-5 days after your date of return from travel) OR
2. Ten days from date of return and be symptom free during the entire 10 days.

There will be no reduction of tuition during your child's absence.

If you have any questions regarding your travel plans, please contact the school.