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Dear Residents and Families of Richmond:

As we approach the holiday seasons, many of us are concerned about how we might celebrate with close friends and loved ones. We know that now, in the face of the pandemic, it is daunting to consider not celebrating with friends and family in the ways we have been used to. We also know how ready we all are for these pandemic precautions to be over. But no matter how frustrated and confused we all are during this time, we owe it to ourselves, each other, and our community to focus on keeping everyone safe.

Currently, Massachusetts residents are urged to limit any out-of-State travel to states designated by the Governor as COVID-19 lower-risk. These include; California, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Maine, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont and Washington. If you travel to a higher risk state, you will be required to quarantine for 14 days or produce a negative COVID-19 test that has been administered up to 72 hours prior to arrival in Massachusetts. So, please consider the well-being and safety of our very special community as you are planning your gatherings for the Holidays.

If you decide to have family or friends stay in your home, or if you do travel outside the area, we ask you to adhere to the mandatory quarantine protocols. If your family will be in close, indoor proximity to other people who have come from higher risk areas, (e.g. an older sibling home from college), we ask that you follow the protocols for that child or friend arriving to your home. Please remember how excited we all are to have some openings, like the school and the library, in our beautiful Richmond community. Our collective goal is to keep it this way, and the only way to do this will be if we all support one another and adhere to the guidelines. As always, we thank you for your continued partnership and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Board of Health

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