



October 29, 2020

Dear Residential Life Families,

I write to you today to share some updates on our upcoming December vacation. Traditionally, this two-week break from school has been an opportunity for students to travel home and spend time with friends and family. Due to the current situation with the Covid-19 pandemic, we have chosen to limit any international travel by students to just urgent situations. Our commitment to the health of our students and to our broader community has been at the forefront of our decision making. If you feel your child's need to travel home is urgent, please contact me as soon as possible to discuss these needs.

Travel within the United States during this vacation time may also be restricted. We recognize that some students may have an opportunity to travel to see adult family members here in the United States. While this may be allowed, it is only under the following circumstances:

- Travel will only be allowed when a student is accompanied by an adult family contact in the location they are staying.
- Students who travel may be required to travel back to the LA campus following a schedule dictated by LA, to quarantine upon return, and receive Covid testing. Lincoln Academy will follow the State of Maine and CDC travel and re-entry guidelines for anyone who travels out of the state.
  - Note: costs associated with the re-entry process will not be covered by Lincoln Academy.

Lincoln Academy Residential Life is planning to offer full programming during this two week school vacation. While the details of this program are still being developed, these specifics are likely to be included:

- Short local homestays with families that are known and trusted within the LA community network
- A group trip to a Maine/New Hampshire/Vermont winter destination to vacation. This would include a house rental and access to many of the region's top winter activities
- A period of in-dorm rest and relaxation with daily programs offered by local camp and activities staff
- A special 2021 New Years Celebration event on campus with our Admissions Director and his family

For all of these events, the cost of accommodations and food, as well as some of the smaller activities would be paid for by Lincoln Academy. Activities such as ski tickets, snow tubing, or tours, would be paid for by participating students.

As this vacation period approaches, I urge you to coordinate with your student and firm up plans so that the residential life office can obtain the necessary details to finalize planning. **All travel itineraries must be submitted to Jake Abbott by November 20 for review and approval.** After this date, we will plan for the student to remain on campus. Jake Abbott can be reached by email at [jabbott@lincolnacademy.org](mailto:jabbott@lincolnacademy.org), or by cell/whatsapp/viber: 207-831-6879 or wechat/facebook messenger: Eekabbott

Thank you very much,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JA' with a stylized flourish.

Jake Abbott  
Dean of Students and Director of Residential Life

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