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Traveling During COVID-19 With Children

Is travel during the holidays safe? Many parents who usually would travel over the holidays may have to change their plans. Parents should observe all quarantine rules and restrictions specific to each state. Make sure to research any and all locations you plan on visiting, and the relevant restrictions associated with these destinations, *before* making travel plans. You can view all travel restrictions for each state on the CDC's website [here](#).

Communicate Regularly

Whether you're traveling with a child or not, it's important to share your travel plans with the other parent as soon as possible. Doing so may help you eliminate the uncertainty relating to custodial issues. If you're able to document this communication, even better. Having a trail of communication that proves you did your part to clearly and consistently notify the other parent of your travel plans will only benefit you in the long run.

Planes, Trains, and Automobiles

Your child's safety is of the utmost importance. With this in mind, parents should consider if flying, driving, or taking a train with children on a trip is safe. Which mode of transportation is best for you and your family? You have to weigh the pros and cons of all transportation options to make the decision that's right for you. If traveling out of the country, a COVID-19 test with pre-quarantine measures may be required before leaving. Parents should ask whether this can be easily facilitated while exercising custody.

Be Flexible

Restrictions related to COVID-19 are constantly changing at a local, state, and international level; and as the number of confirmed cases and deaths continues to rise, greater restrictions are being implemented and enforced. Therefore, above all else, parents need to be flexible when it comes to travel plans. When in doubt about the safety of you or your child, a staycation is the best option. It may not be as fun as you'd like, but quality family time at home and in your neighborhood does offer many benefits.

If you have questions regarding your custody order and the holidays, Weber Gallagher's Family Law attorneys are here to help!