

In this week's Parent Update, we want to share important information and updates about:

- Travel and quarantine requirements
- COVID 19 testing requirements
- Vaccination clinic
- Stakeholder surveys
- COVID-19 cases

TRAVEL AND QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS

I am aware that mask mandates have been changed for people who are fully vaccinated. In the East Windsor Public Schools, we are continuing to require masks in the school buildings and at any school event, indoors or outdoors. Almost all of our students are too young to be vaccinated and many have health issues that would increase their risks for contracting or having complications due to Covid – 19. In addition, not all of our staff is vaccinated. We are requiring masks at least through the end of this year to protect our students and staff – our goal is to keep our students in school 5 days per week until June 15, our scheduled last day of school. Thank you for respecting our protocols and helping us keep our students and staff safe.

In the East Windsor Public Schools, we are still requiring quarantine for any unvaccinated staff or students following travel or exposure to a known positive case of COVID-19.

Please note the quarantine requirements:

- Your child can quarantine for 10 days and return to school on day 11 if they feel well without being tested or,
- Your child can get tested between days 3 and 5 following exposure or return from travel and return to school no sooner than day 7 with a negative test and if they are feeling well. Students must quarantine while waiting for test results and they are expected to access remote instruction during that time.

If your child is tested, both the results of a PCR test or a positive rapid test are acceptable. A negative rapid antigen test is not accepted because there are too many false negative results with those tests.

I understand that having to deal with a child quarantined can be frustrating, but we ask that you continue to comply with the guidelines noted above. Your continued patience, understanding and respectful communication with our staff is appreciated.

This is also the time of year when we see many students with seasonal allergy symptoms. Some seasonal allergy symptoms can mimic COVID-19 symptoms. If your child has seasonal allergies, please provide your school nurse with documentation from your primary care physician stating your child has seasonal allergies. This will assist the

nursing staff in making appropriate nursing assessments on when to send students home during this pandemic.

COVID 19 TEST REQUIREMENTS

Please be reminded that we require a negative PCR test for students to return to school following travel or exposure. We cannot accept a negative rapid test due to the occurrences of false negatives.

VACCINATION CLINIC JUNE 2 4 pm – 7 pm

We are pleased to share that East Windsor Public Schools is sponsoring a Pfizer vaccine clinic for anyone 12 years or older. A parent or legal guardian must accompany any student under the age of 18 – if a parent or legal guardian is not present, the student will not receive the vaccine.

The Vernon Regional Vaccine Center will be conducting the clinic on June 2, 2021 from 4 pm to 7 pm at East Windsor Middle School. We ask that anyone interested in getting vaccinated register using the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EAEAF2EA4FAC25-pfizer5>

Community members, parents, students aged 12 and over and staff of the EWPS are all welcome to sign up for this clinic. Parents of students aged 12 – 17 are asked to print and complete the consent form attached to this message to bring to the clinic. The consent will also be available on our website or at the clinic.

STAKEHOLDER SURVEYS

Please find here a link to a survey related to two requirements with the American Rescue Plan 2021 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) grant. Districts are required to create a grant application for expenditures through September 2024 and also required to provide a plan for the safe return to in-person learning and continuity of services. The survey will assist me and the administrative team in developing both components of the ARP ESSER grant. Please take a moment to complete the brief survey. The link will also be available on our website on the home page.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EWPS_Priorities

COVID-19 CASES

We have had 0 positive cases since the last parent update.

Thank you and enjoy the long weekend!

Christine

