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Dear Chesterfield Elementary School Community,

I want to thank our parents for completing the most recent survey. We are in the process of reviewing the survey data to determine our options to increase in-person learning for the remainder of the school year. I look forward to updating the Board of Education, and public, on our planning to increase in-person learning at the March 17th Board of Education Meeting. I will also include an update in the Thursday letter on March 18th.

On Friday, April 2nd, school will close for the start of the spring recess. Spring recess continues through Friday, April 9th with students and staff returning to the building on Monday, April 12th. In an effort to minimize quarantines or a school closure, I am requesting everyone adhere to the travel guidelines provided by the New Jersey Department of Health. I have attached the travel guidelines to the end of this letter for your reference. Thank you in advance for your cooperation as we continue to make Chesterfield Elementary School a safe place for both students and staff.

The COVID-19 Weekly Health Report for the month of March is below. As a reminder, historical data from September 2020 – February 2021 can be found by clicking on this link <https://www.chesterfieldschool.com/Page/2902>.

COVID-19 Weekly Health Report

Week of.....	# of Positive Cases in School	# of Students/Staff Sent Home Due to Symptoms	# of Students/Staff Quarantined & Why	# of Incidents of Non-Compliance
Mar. 1 st	0	0	1 staff quarantine (travel)	1
Mar. 8 th	0	0	1 staff quarantine (close contact household) 1 staff excluded (household member symptomatic)	0

Sincerely,

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Travel Advisory Updated March 8, 2021

New Jersey strongly discourages all non-essential interstate travel at this time.

Travelers and residents returning from **any U.S. state or territory** beyond the immediate region (New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Delaware) should self-quarantine at their home, hotel, or other temporary lodging following recommendations from the CDC:

- If travel is unavoidable, travelers should consider getting tested with a viral test (not an antibody test) 1-3 days before the trip and again 3-5 days after the trip.
- If travelers test positive, they should **self-isolate for at least 10 days and should postpone travel during that time.**
- If travelers test negative, they should **quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.**
- If testing is not available (or if the results are delayed), travelers should **quarantine for 10 days after travel.**

Please note that this advisory does not apply to individuals:

- Who are returning to New Jersey after traveling outside of the state for less than 24 hours or those traveling to New Jersey for less than 24 hours - *Even where travel is less than 24 hours, however, individuals are still discouraged from engaging in non-essential travel to other states to the extent possible.*
- Who are in transit through the state to another destination, provided that the time spent in the state is only the amount of time necessary to complete the transit, make use of travel services, such as a highway rest stop, or make necessary travel connections.

Quarantine Rules Regarding Vaccination Status (BCHD Feb 16)

Please note that **all three criteria must be met** and that at this time, **per NJDOH and CDC, vaccination status does NOT exempt you from a travel related quarantine. If you are vaccinated and travel, you still must quarantine.**

Persons not needing to quarantine

1. *COVID-19 positive (viral test) within 3 months*
2. *Fully Vaccinated Persons within 3 months:* Vaccinated persons should continue to follow current guidance: wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet away from others, avoiding crowds, avoiding poorly ventilated spaces, covering coughs and sneezes, washing hands often, following CDC travel guidance, and following any applicable workplace or school guidance, including guidance related to personal protective equipment use and SARS-CoV-2 testing.

However, fully vaccinated persons who have close contact with someone with COVID-19 do NOT need to quarantine if they meet all of the following criteria:

- Are fully vaccinated (i.e., ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine), AND
- Are within 3 months following receipt of the last dose in the series, AND
- Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure

Persons who do not meet all 3 of the above criteria should continue to follow current quarantine guidance after exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. Fully vaccinated persons who do not quarantine should still watch for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following an exposure. If they experience symptoms, they should be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, including SARS-CoV-2 testing, if indicated.