

Olga Hugelmeyer Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parent and Guardians,

I would like to thank you for your cooperation in having completed the In-Person Learning Survey and also for participating in our daily Virtual Reopening Together Plan Parent Academy Workshops.

Today, you will be receiving a letter from your school principal via e-mail confirming the selection for your child. Please be sure to check your email periodically.

## Other Important Reminders:

# **Travel Advisory**

The State of New Jersey has issued the following guidance pertaining to travel:

New Jersey strongly discourages all non-essential interstate travel at this time. At this time, individuals who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 should continue to follow the State's travel advisory.

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.

### Required vaccinations:

Our school nurses have been communicating with all of our parents since July 2020 regarding immunizations. As we prepare for the reopening, please be reminded of the following:

### Kindergarten

- Booster vaccines are needed. Please call your doctor for more information
- Exemptions: religious and medical (all medical exemptions are temporary and require a doctor's note).
- Proof of vaccines is due during the week of April 12-16, 2021. If documentation is not received prior to April 19, your child will automatically be placed on virtual instruction.

#### Grade 6

- If your child is 11 years old and is in 6th grade they need to get their Tdap and Menactra (meningococcal) vaccines.
- Exemptions: religious and medical (all medical exemptions are temporary. A doctor's note is needed.
- If you have not already submitted your proof of vaccines, please note that is due during the week of April 19-23, 2020. If documentation is not received prior to April 26, your child will automatically be placed on virtual instruction.

If your child has already received the above immunizations, please send in a written report from your health care provider so we can update our records.

You have the option of going to your private physician or to a clinic where immunizations are given free of charge. The schedule for these clinics and the necessary forms can be obtained from the nurse's office. Please contact the School Nurse if you have any questions regarding these required immunizations.

Thank you for your cooperation in safeguarding the health of all children in the Elizabeth Public Schools.

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