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Dear SPF Community,

I hope that everyone had a refreshing spring break and was able to have a smooth week of reentry into full remote teaching/learning.

There are two important updates:

The Board of Education and I recognize that we have two unused Emergency Days remaining in this year's calendar. Knowing the challenges that the pandemic has brought to our students, families and staff we have decided to give back these days by extending our Memorial Day holiday weekend (Friday, May 28th - Tuesday, June 1st). This will allow our community to celebrate a five-day weekend and get refreshed for the final weeks of school.

Additionally, we want to let you know the district will follow the New Jersey Department of Health's updated travel guidance, effective April 5, 2021. These guidelines are included at the end of this email.

Starting April 12, some of our students will return to the classroom in the same 5-day format as they did prior to Spring Break; while, others will opt to join the class remotely. It is very important that we continue to monitor the COVID-19 activity level in our region and please continue to contact your school for positive cases, even if the student is fully remote. It is noteworthy that the activity level has increased and is currently reported as being high. Knowing this, please follow safety protocols at all times.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Dr. Joan Mast, Superintendent

Travel Guidelines

NJ residents who are **fully vaccinated** against COVID-19 or **have recovered from COVID-19 in the past three months** do not need to quarantine or get tested before/after domestic travel.

- o A vaccination record and/or medical documentation of COVID-19 illness must be on file with the School Nurse. To be considered fully vaccinated/post COVID-19 illness the following must be true:
 - o It has been more than two weeks since you received your second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine;
 - o It has been more than two weeks since your received your first and only dose of the Janssen/Johnson and Johnson vaccine; or,
 - o You have clinically recovered from COVID-19 in the past three months (90 days).
- o For international travel, the federal requirement for testing upon return to the United States still stands for both unvaccinated and fully vaccinated travelers as well as those that have recovered from COVID-19 in the past 90 days.
- o NJ residents that are **not vaccinated** and are returning from any U.S. state or territory beyond the immediate region (New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Delaware) should self-quarantine at their home following recommendations from the CDC:

-If travel is unavoidable, travelers should consider getting tested with a viral (PCR) test (not an antibody test) 1-3 days before the trip. If positive, travel should be canceled

-Following travel, traveler's must be tested via a PCR Test, 3-5 days after the trip. If negative, they should quarantine for a full 7 days and may return to school on the 8th day.

-If testing is not available (or if the results are delayed), travelers should quarantine for 10 days after travel.