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Dear ISAAC Family,

The purpose of this letter is to announce our first vaccination clinic for the school year and to provide a COVID-19 update.

Our district medical advisor, Ledge Light Health District, and the Connecticut Department of Public Health continues to encourage the vaccination of all eligible people within the school community and beyond. To support this plan, ISAAC in collaboration with DPH and Griffin Hospital, will continue to host free vaccination clinics in our gymnasium for all ISAAC families, friends, and members of the community for all ages. Our next vaccination clinic is being held this **Friday, September 16, 2022, from 3 pm to 6 pm**. All types of vaccines and doses including the most recent booster retooled to target both the original strain of virus as well as the now-dominant Omicron subvariants, BA.4 and BA.5. Furthermore, all vaccine manufacturers (Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson) for 1st, 2nd, and booster doses will be available this Friday.

In a recent Wall Street Journal article, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Rochelle Walensky was quoted that “there is no bad time to get the booster as long as you have received at least a primary series of the vaccine, don’t actively have Covid-19 and have waited at least two months since your last shot.”

In addition to the mitigation strategy of being up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations, it is vital that all members of the ISAAC Family adopt the shared responsibility regarding the spread of illness when symptoms exist. **It is imperative that when any student or staff member is not feeling well and are exhibiting any symptoms, that they remain at home for the day.** Remaining at home when exhibiting any symptoms is one of the best mitigation strategies that can be done. Once again, if a student or staff member is exhibiting any of the following symptoms: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea; we ask that they please STAY HOME and GET TESTED. Those in need of a COVID-19 test can receive one from the school upon request. We also ask that anyone who has tested positive and/or are exhibiting symptoms, to please contact our Director of Health Services/school nurse, Carrie Gregory via phone or email at cgregory@isaacschool.org and/or our Principal, William Linski via phone or email at wlinski@isaacschool.org. Moreover, on a weekly basis, ISAAC will compile the number of school community members who tested positive for COVID-19. This information will be available on our website under the *COVID Information* tab along with other pertinent COVID-19 information and updates.

Although the wearing of masks is not required unless otherwise directed by our Director of Health Services for those who are experiencing a multitude of respiratory symptoms, our district medical advisor encourages the use of masks when any member of Dragon Nation is not feeling their best. As found with several of our positive cases, at-home COVID-19 kits did not detect the incubation of virus until day 3 or later. Furthermore, upon arrival to school, masks will be available for those students who want or require one.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and support as we the school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Spera', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr. Nicholas J. Spera
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