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NJUHSD Families,

Seasons greetings from the Nevada Joint Union High School District! We want to wish you and your family all the best this holiday season. It has been an eventful start to the school year, and we want to applaud the effort that we have seen out of our students and staff thus far. As we gear up for the Winter Break, we have a few COVID-19 related updates to pass along to you.

1. We are tracking the **state mandate for student COVID-19 vaccinations** very carefully. At this point in time, all high school aged students are required to be fully vaccinated by the start of the next school year. Details surrounding the implementation of this mandate are still being worked out across the state. We will provide details surrounding our district's policy in regards to the mandate in early Spring, once those details have been ironed out. In the meantime, **if your student *has been fully vaccinated*, please provide a copy** of their vaccination record/card to the district by emailing a copy to [covidreporting@njuhsd.com](mailto:covidreporting@njuhsd.com). This will assist us with managing our close contact and quarantining processes.

2. The district is participating in a state-sponsored program for COVID-19 screening prior to the return from break. The program is called the **iHealth Return from Break At-Home COVID-19 Testing Program**. All students and staff will be provided two at-home COVID-19 tests to use prior to returning to school in the New Year. Test kits will be distributed at school tomorrow afternoon, Friday, Dec. 17th. Participation in this program is optional. Details surrounding the administration and reporting of test results can be found in the [attached flyer](#) and [FAQ](#). **Individuals who choose to participate are to test on two prescribed days (Dec. 31st and Jan. 2nd) and should use this link for reporting test results - <https://my.primary.health/l/nevadajointunion>**. The intention of this program is to serve as a screening tool for preventing school-based exposures following holiday gatherings.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or concerns.

We hope you all enjoy a restful holiday season with family and friends. We continue to value your partnership and the opportunity to serve our high school students in Nevada County.

Happy Holidays!

Dan Frisella

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