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Dear Staff and Parents,

As we approach the end of our second month of school this year, I would like to update you with some information on how our School District is progressing during this pandemic. As most of you know, Governor Hochul imposed a mask mandate on all New York State Schools at the beginning of the school year. Rockville Centre Schools will continue to follow state and local mandates and guidance in an effort to keep all of our students and staff safe and healthy.

In terms of numbers, there have been 65 students and 2 staff members testing positive for COVID since the beginning of the school year in September. At the current time, there are 8 students and no staff members out due to positive COVID tests. There have been an additional 88 students and 8 staff members quarantined as direct contacts with 8 students and 2 staff members currently on quarantine. Quarantine Support Instruction is being provided virtually for all students out on quarantine. Access is currently being provided to all core instruction at the elementary level and to all every day courses (with numerical grades) at the secondary level.

The District is now conducting mandatory COVID testing weekly of all staff who have not provided evidence of receiving the COVID vaccine. Testing is being conducted at the High School three days a week to accommodate our staff. At the current time, approximately 90% of staff have provided evidence of COVID vaccinations. Voluntary COVID testing is available for all students on Mondays from 6pm to 8pm at South Side High School.

The District has partnered with Mount Sinai/South Nassau Hospital for mobile vaccinations for students 12 and older with the first one scheduled for October 27th at Oceanside High School. An email with sign up instructions has previously been sent out to parents and we will provide more information on this as it becomes available. Also, as part of the New York State Vax to School Program for students 12 and over, there will be vaccination sites set up by Northwell Health at Kennedy Memorial Park at 335 Green Street in Hempstead from 8:00am to 8:00pm on Thursdays October 28 and November 4. Northwell will also have a vaccination site set up at 1 Marcus Avenue in New Hyde Park from 9:00am to 9:00pm on Saturdays October 23, 30 and November 6.

We hope to provide more information in the coming weeks as information changes. Administrators, teachers and all staff recognize the need for normalcy for our students and are working tirelessly to address this need.

With trick or treating around the corner, I wish everyone a safe and healthy Halloween.

Robert A. Bartels

Acting Superintendent of Schools