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Happy New Year!

We hope you enjoyed the holiday break and are enthusiastically looking forward to the second half of the 2020-2021 school year.

Maine CDC continues to closely monitor the number of Coronavirus cases in Maine as well as the County Risk Levels for School Reopening. The main priority for RSU 19 Administration is to keep our staff members, students, and their families healthy and safe. We want to assure you that the schools continue to take the necessary precautions so that our students and staff members are protected.

In an abundance of caution and in conjunction with Maine CDC recommendations, we ask all District students and staff members, who either traveled to or hosted household guests from a non-exempt state or out of the country:

- A. Not to return to school (including any school activities on or off campus) until a 10-day quarantine period has elapsed following your return to Maine or from the last day you hosted guests; *OR*
- B. Without having any COVID-19 symptoms and without knowledge of having a close contact, you may choose to have a **COVID-19 Antigen or Molecular PCR, NAAT, or Isothermal Test**. This test may be taken on the same day that you return to Maine. A negative test result from one of these tests releases you from the 10-day quarantine. Test results must be submitted to Leslie Jones at the Superintendent's Office.

As always, when returning to school, families of students as well as staff members should use the COVID-19 pre-screening tool before attending school each day. If you have had a fever in the past 24 hours, have experienced any respiratory symptoms, or have had close contact with someone who has COVID-19, please stay home for 10 days and contact your physician for guidance for being tested for Coronavirus.

Sincerely,

Mike Hammer, Superintendent