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Hello Spartan Families!

As we embark on our break and the number of new, confirmed cases of COVID-19 remain concerning, we have some recommendations how to prevent the spread of COVID-19 for when students return to school on January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022:

- **Consider getting vaccinated:** First and foremost, vaccinating all children age five and older has shown to be a good way to keep your student safe, prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community, and maintain in-person instruction throughout the school year.
- **Enroll in testing programs:** We provide our students access to free, weekly COVID-19 tests at all schools through the In-School Testing program and testing for students who may have been close contacts through our “Test to Stay” Program evenings at WT Chipman and Central Elementary Schools.
- **Test at home before returning to school:** The day before your student returns to school on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, you can test for COVID-19 with an antigen test by visiting a testing site [<https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/testing/>] or by purchasing a home testing kit such as the Quidel QuickVue At-Home COVID-19 Test Kit or the Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Self-Test Kit online or at your local pharmacy. If your child tests positive, follow up with your student’s physician, let the nurse at your school know, and confirm the results with a PCR test at a doctor’s office or testing site [<https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/testing/>].
- **Test if exposed or symptomatic:** If your student has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 during winter break, please have your student tested before they return to school. Students exposed to COVID-19 and participating in the “Test to Stay” Program can receive daily antigen tests to remain in school while quarantining. Test to stay will be available January 2<sup>nd</sup> for our return on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

COVID-19 cases are still a significant concern in our community—and vaccinating and testing your student are important for stopping the virus from spreading. I hope you and your family have a safe and wonderful winter break.

Thank you and sincerely,

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