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Building Futures: Every Scholar, Every Day

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JNPSD School Community:

Please continue to stay informed through all of our postings on JNP social media, JNP website, local media, and other communication outlets. All community updates, official documents, and other information posted since March 6 is available for your reference.

Governor's Press Conference (APSRC Report)

Governor Hutchinson shared Arkansas' strategy to prepare for the winter season. This includes:

- Increasing public flu shot participation
- Performing one million COVID-19 tests by October 20
- Increasing consistency of state contact tracing
- Emphasizing continued wearing of masks and social distancing (Lead by example)
- Do not grow weary

Dr. Jennifer Dillaha, ADH Medical Director of Immunizations, stressed the safety of the flu vaccine, and the importance of Arkansans to get vaccinated in order to reduce demand on hospitals during the pandemic. She encouraged everyone to get their flu vaccine before the end of October.

Flu shots are available at ADH Public Health Units at no cost to the individual. If you have insurance, please bring your insurance card with you so the state can receive reimbursement; however, no one will be turned away due to an inability to repay.

Arkansas Department of Education Secretary Johnny Key reported that 106 schools have had to make some type of modified operations since the school year began. Of those, 83 have moved back to normal operations.

"We encourage our districts, our parents, our caregivers out there and our students to continue. As the Governor said, don't grow weary. We have seen a successful

beginning to the school year. We think we can continue having a successful school year if we pay attention to the precautions that have been set forth by the health department. We will continue working with districts as modifications become necessary,” Secretary Key said.

1. JNPSD has no new quarantines or cases to report, and the school district is not listed as having 5 or more active COVID cases on the state report.
2. All virtual academy classes for both elementary and secondary scholars are counted as regular classes for attendance, grades, assignments, etc. All school attendance and academic regulations apply to virtual academy scholars and will be enforced as required by state law.
3. Please refer to previous updates concerning the virtual academy hotline, COVID reporting to the JNP Point of Contact, access to state health information, and a variety of other resources.

We appreciate your support.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryan Duffie', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Bryan Duffie. Ed.D.
Superintendent