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Dear AESD Families,

The following update is provided to keep you informed regarding the Anaheim Elementary School District:

Update on Weekly COVID-19 Data for Anaheim

Our District continues to prioritize the health and safety of stakeholders as our top priority. Although California no longer reports data within the tiered colored system, the City of Anaheim updates their data weekly. There were 199 new cases reported across Anaheim's seven ZIP codes for the seven days through Nov. 16, down from 247 the week prior.

If your child is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please keep him/her home and contact your child's health care provider. Please contact your school to report the absence; a COVID-19 related absence is excused. If someone in your household tested positive for COVID-19 and is currently under quarantine or self-isolation, your child should follow the guidelines from the Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) on how long to remain at home and when to return to school.

Town Hall to Discuss Vaccinations

Last week we held a Town Hall to discuss the COVID 19 vaccination with Dr. Kate Williamson - CHOC pediatrician. We have included the following [link](#) to view the recorded informational event.

As a reminder, while the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) endorsed the recommendation that children 5 to 11 years old be vaccinated against COVID-19 on November 2nd, **currently there is not a state mandate requiring that your child be vaccinated.**

Upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

For those families interested in accessing free COVID-19 vaccinations, Albertsons/Pavilions Pharmacies will host vaccination clinics on Saturday, December 4 at John Marshall, Key, and Orange Grove Elementary Schools from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for adult boosters and children 5-11 second shots. Parents will need to bring birth certificates for proof of age of the child. If registering for a booster, please bring proof of vaccination card for the parent. Click [here](#) to register and make an appointment.

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Expanded Learning Program

Our schools have begun to advertise the Expanded Learning opportunities for our students. This supports our students having

access to school programs up to 9 hours a day! The programming helps our students to arrive early or stay after school. Schools are beginning to identify grade levels and classrooms as staffing is a priority to ensure all students are safe. We will continue to expand our program and share program updates throughout the school year. Please look for more information from your school site!

Thanksgiving Break

Our students will be on vacation the week of November 22nd - November 26th to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday. School resumes on Monday, November 29th. Holiday traditions are important for families and children.

There are several ways to enjoy holiday traditions and protect your health. Because many generations tend to gather to celebrate holidays, the best way to minimize COVID-19 risk and keep your family and friends safer is to get vaccinated if you're eligible and wear well-fitting masks over your nose and mouth if you are in public indoor settings if you are not fully vaccinated. If you are gathering with a group of people from multiple households and potentially from different parts of the country, you could consider additional precautions (e.g., avoiding crowded indoor spaces before travel, taking a test) in advance of gathering to further reduce risk.

During this time we wish you and your loved ones shared space that includes health and happiness.

Sincerely,
Dr. Christopher Downing
Superintendent