

# *River Dell Regional School District*

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Dear River Dell Community:

As we approach the Thanksgiving Holiday, I am thankful that our families continue to come together to maintain a safe school year. To date, sixty-six (66%) percent of our students and ninety-four (94%) of staff are fully vaccinated. I am thankful that since the beginning of September only six (6) students and five (5) staff tested positive for COVID. I am also thankful that we continue to have no verifiable in-school transmission of the virus.

During the few contact tracings performed thus far, we found that more students are now vaccinated than when we first opened Community Pass for the annual registration process. We continue to send targeted e-mails to the families of the students without a vaccine record in our system that contain a direct link to upload vaccine cards as students become vaccinated. As a reminder, River Dell is uniquely positioned to enjoy a robust school year because almost our entire student population is eligible to receive a vaccine.

As we approach the high travel season between Thanksgiving and New Year's, please be reminded that while New Jersey does not have travel restrictions in place, the Departments of Health and Education recommend that CDC guidelines be followed. In summary, vaccinated travelers may immediately return to normal activity after travel but should monitor their health for symptom development and get tested three (3) to five (5) days after travel. Unvaccinated travelers should stay home and self-quarantine for a full seven (7) days and get tested three (3) to five (5) days after travel. Full details may be found at this link - [Travel | CDC](#).

Finally, I am thankful to all of you who are using common sense and keeping students home when they are sick and when someone in the household exhibits symptoms of COVID regardless of vaccination status. Students should not come to school until they are fever free for twenty-four hours without the use of fever reducing medication. If we wear masks and observe these simple guidelines, we will continue to have a positive in-person experience.

Thank you again and enjoy a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "PJF", written over a horizontal line.

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