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Dear FJUHSD Staff Members, Families, and Students,

We hope everyone is enjoying a restful and safe winter break and we look forward to having our students back in-person this Monday, January 3, 2022 for the start of the second semester.

FJUHSD would like to reassure all of our stakeholders that we continue to closely monitor COVID-19 and the Omicron variant daily. Based on the current information, and with a clear focus on ensuring the best possible environment for learning, athletic competitions, and other school related performances, we will be postponing any non-essential curricular and co-curricular activities such as assemblies, team dinners, and our upcoming Open Houses through the month of January. This is a temporary pause on these types of events, and as new information becomes available, we will reassess the situation and communicate when they may be rescheduled.

Additionally, we will continue with our enhanced safety protocols including maintaining masks at all of our sites, wellness checks through Qualtrics for all students and staff members, and enhanced cleaning of our facilities. We also encourage anyone not feeling well to please stay home during this time. Included below are a few more updates regarding recent changes to reported isolation and quarantine requirements, as well as information on take-home COVID tests for all students being provided by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

We understand this situation continues to be fluid, and we appreciate everyone's ongoing support. Through our collective efforts, FJUHSD experienced a very successful first semester, which brought our students back to full in-person learning, many opportunities to connect across our communities, and other experiences such as athletics, performing arts events and school dances.

Enjoy the remaining days of your winter break and have a happy and safe New Year!

Sincerely,

Steve McLaughlin, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Update - Free At-Home COVID19 Test Kits

As some of you may have heard, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has recently announced free at-home test kits for all K-12 students throughout the state. It is important to know that there is no state-wide testing mandate for students returning to school. These efforts are meant to increase access for families to test at home should they choose to do so. At this time, the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) is currently working with all school districts throughout the county to distribute these tests. However, OCDE has not received these tests, and does not anticipate receiving them until sometime later next week. As more information becomes available, we will be sure to inform our families of when and how to receive your child's at-home test.

CDC Isolation/Quarantine Guideline Changes

On December 27th, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) shortened their recommended time for isolation from 10 days for people testing positive with COVID-19 to 5 days, if asymptomatic, followed by 5 days of wearing a mask when around others. They have also updated their recommended quarantine period for those exposed to COVID-19.

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1227-isolation-quarantine-guidance.html>

Despite these new recommendations from the CDC, the CDPH and Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) have not yet adjusted their guidance for isolation and quarantine periods. As has been the case since the beginning of the pandemic, the district must wait until CDPH and OCHCA update their guidance to alter any school district protocols.