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Deer River Families:

2021 will go down in history as a very challenging year. However, our human nature leads us to look ahead with optimism and wish each other a Happy New Year! We will start up again on January 3rd fully operating all school programs. The Health and Safety Resolution is still in place and adequate face coverings will continue to be required for all school building and transportation occupants, unless exempt. The Board of Education will meet at least twice this month to assess our local public health data. Our end of year data is displayed on the second page of this notice. Soon we will be sharing potential modifications to our quarantine protocol and making medical grade face masks available to students and staff upon request.

Despite the ongoing challenges, we have been able to consistently keep our schools open. In addition to COVID-19 cases, several student influenza cases were confirmed during our final week of December. This reinforces the most impactful decision that each of us can make as we proceed:

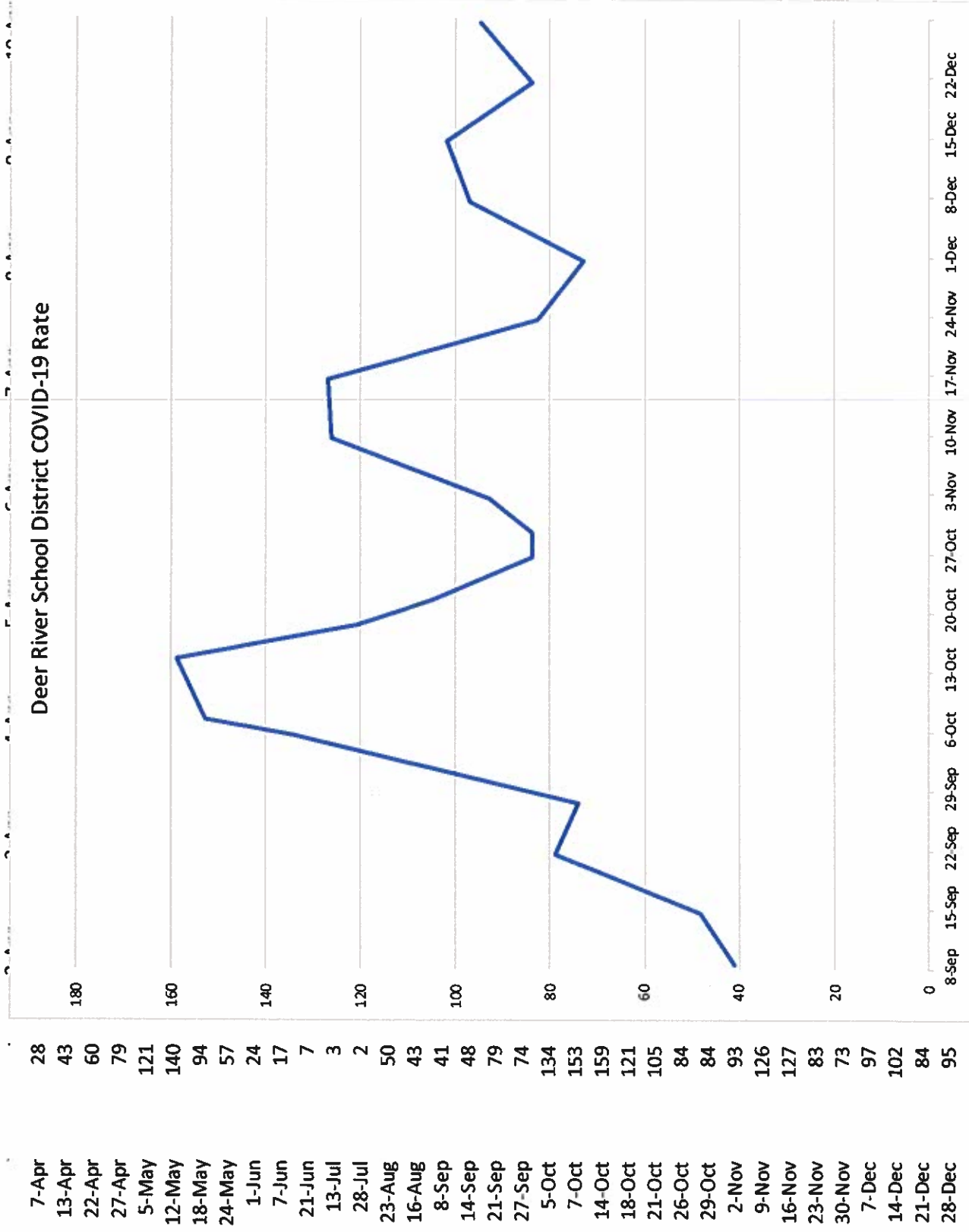
Students, employees, and visitors should stay home and recuperate while they are ill.

This applies to COVID, flu, colds, and anything else that can be contagious. When we maintain that standard, our schools can remain open to serve those that are healthy. Take care of yourself and take care of each other. Eventually, this too shall pass, and we will return to normal operations.

When we finish the first school day of 2022, there will be 99 school days left. With each of them the sun is out a few more minutes and a light grows a little brighter at the end of the pandemic tunnel. January will likely be one more series of obstacles for our Warriors to overcome. However, continued academic and social development and a full crop of Class of '22 graduates will be the reward for our perseverance.

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Jeff Pesta, Superintendent



* Case rates per 10,000 residents within district boundaries