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April 5, 2021

Deer River Families:

This letter features two important announcements connected to our return from Spring Break. First, there was a confirmed positive COVID-19 case within the King School food service staff last week. Although no students have been identified as close contacts, the entire food service team has been placed in preventative quarantine. Until further notice, we will be modifying the menu to operate with a very limited shared staff between the schools.

The continued, dynamic impact of the pandemic reinforces the importance of the second announcement. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is now advising that individuals will no longer need to quarantine from school and school activities 14 days following the completion of an approved vaccine series. Multiple virus variants have now been confirmed in our region and are impacting school aged children. Therefore, we will be cooperating with Essentia Health - Deer River to offer a 16+ vaccination clinic at our high school during the morning of April 13. This event, along with a clinic at the Cass Lake Boys and Girls Club on April 9 are open to all students 16 years and older who are enrolled in the Deer River schools. Information about the Cass Lake clinic is available on our website:
<https://www.isd317.net/covid-vaccine-info>

Parents who choose to have their students participate can download the consent form at the above link or pick one up from the high school office. Students who are not 18 must have a consent form completed prior to scheduling an appointment for the school vaccination clinic. Details about registering will be shared in school announcements this week. Any unfilled appointments remaining on April 12 will be made available to the general public. We must have confirmed appointments to avoid wasting vaccine that has been removed from cold storage for the event.

The preparation for the vaccination clinic will proceed rapidly. If your family decides to participate, please obtain and complete the consent form as soon as possible. There will be a maximum of 120 doses of Pfizer vaccine available. Students with appointments will be scheduled for a second dose four weeks later in the same location.

Sincerely,


Jeff Pesta