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Dear Parents and Guardians,

During fall and winter, we often see increases in rates of respiratory viruses. Respiratory viruses include flu, COVID-19, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and the common cold. Fortunately, many of the same prevention measures help reduce the spread of all these viruses and keep students in school. The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) has asked schools to share the recommendations listed below with the school community.

- Get your flu shot. Everyone older than six months of age should be vaccinated against the flu every year. For information on where to get a flu shot, see health.ri.gov/flu.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Wash your hands regularly throughout the day using soap for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol to clean your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work, and school.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Keep children home from daycare or school who have a fever, especially with a cough, congestion, runny nose, or sore throat, until they are fever-free for 24 hours without medications that reduce fever.
- If you have COVID-19, isolate for five days and wear a mask through day 10. Isolation and Precautions for People with COVID-19 | CDC
- Be up to date on your COVID-19 vaccinations. For information on how to get vaccinated against COVID-19, see C19vaccineRI.org

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Laurie Andries
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