Good Evening, Everyone,

I hope you are doing well as we end the week. On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff of the Auburn Public Schools, we wish you an early Happy Thanksgiving. The next edition of updates and reminders will be published Friday, December 3, 2021.

COVID Positives November 19, 2021

Today we are reporting COVID Positives at AMS (2), SWIS (4), PAK (1), and the Preschool (1).

Please continue to be vigilant regarding potential COVID exposure regardless of vaccination status.

If your child is feeling unwell, please complete your ZippSlip appropriately, and remain home until you have consulted with your school's health office.

Auburn Board of Health Booster and Flu Vaccine Clinic

The Auburn Board of Health would like to inform you about two upcoming vaccine clinics we have scheduled. The first clinic is open to anyone eligible to receive a COVID-19 Booster this Saturday, November 20th from 9:00AM to 1:00PM at the Auburn Senior Center. This clinic will be offering the two approved booster shots-either Moderna or Pfizer.

The second, is our annual General Public Flu Clinic Thursday, December 9th from 3:00PM-6:00PM at the Auburn Town Hall. All Town of Auburn Employees are welcome to attend these vaccination clinics, as well community members.

Questions or concerns can be forwarded to the Board of Health, at 508-832-7703.

Vaccination for students ages 5-11 years old

On November 2, 2021, CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, M.D., M.P.H., endorsed the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation that children 5 to 11 years old be vaccinated against COVID-19 with the Pfizer-BioNTech pediatric vaccine. The Auburn Public Schools is collaborating with the Auburn Board of Health to offer a vaccination clinic for students ages 5-11. In order to arrange a clinic, we need to determine how many students would participate. If you are interested in having your child(ren) vaccinated, please follow the link to the Vaccine Pre-Registration Form. Please complete a separate form for each child. If you have any questions, email Beth Chamberland at echamberland@auburn.k12.ma.us.

Mask Mandate Extended to January 15, 2022

Commissioner Riley has issued a continuance on the current mask policy which will continue through at least January 15, 2022. School districts where individual buildings have reached a

vaccination threshold of 80% (combined staff and students) may apply for relief from this order. In Auburn, each building's staff vaccination threshold is at, or exceeds, eighty-percent. For students, Auburn High School has 56% of students vaccinated, Auburn Middle School has 32% of students vaccinated, and K-5 students are just beginning to receive vaccinations so no data is available at this time.

OPT IN FOR SCHOOL BASED COVID TESTING

If you are interested in having your child participate, please read the following information and complete the consent form (link is below). **If we do not have parental consent to test, we will be forced to send unvaccinated close contacts home.** Below, again, is the information regarding this program with the link.

Symptomatic Testing

Under this program, we will be able to test staff, and students (with the consent of a parent or guardian) who may become symptomatic **in school**. Staff, and students with very mild symptoms and a negative COVID test, may be allowed to stay in school.

Test and Stay

In addition, staff, and students who may be deemed "close contacts" to a COVID positive person **in schoo**l, can opt to be tested daily in school for at least five days. If the test is negative and there are no symptoms present, staff, and students will be allowed to stay in school.

Details

The testing that is being offered will not allow us to test students or staff who become symptomatic outside of school or become a close contact to someone who is COVID positive in a setting other than school. Please do not send your child to school if he or she is not feeling well. This protocol is set by DESE and we are required to follow as part of our participation agreement.

Parent/Guardian Consent

In order to implement these programs, we must receive consent from parents or guardians in order for any child to be tested. If you would like your child to participate in the testing and monitoring that these programs will provide, please follow this link to the consent form and complete the form for your child(ren). If you do not complete the consent form or deny consent through the form, we will not include your child in any of the testing that will be offered.

If you provide consent, please note that you will be providing consent for Symptomatic Testing, Test and Stay and Routine COVID Safety Checks(formerly named Pooled Testing). However, at this time, the Auburn Public Schools has only opted to offer the Symptomatic and Test and Stay options.

If you are registering your child(ren), please select 'sign consent for a minor' and enter the requested information. If you have more than one child, please complete a form for each child.

Once into the consent portal, you have the option to select languages other than English for the translation of the consent form.

Please complete the consent form as soon as possible so that we can offer a robust response to students.

If you have questions, please reach out to Dr. Beth Chamberland, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, at echamberland@auburn.k12.ma.us .

iPad Insurance Available

We are encouraging families with students at Auburn Middle School and Auburn High School to sign up for iPad insurance. Our iPad insurance program protects students and families in the event their iPad is accidentally damaged or if their device is stolen. Insurance is $40.00 per device and covers the device from the day payment is received through August 31, 2022. iPad insurance can be purchased through our online payment system linked on our district website www.auburn.k12.ma.us or directly through UniPay Gold. The full APS Insurance Agreement can is here: 1:1 iPad Program Technology | Technology. Insurance will be available for purchase through the month of November. **This insurance is optional, however, any charges resulting in damage or theft that occurs to devices not covered by insurance will be the responsibility of the family.**

St. Joseph's Parish Annual Christmas Bazaar

Enjoy an old fashioned Christmas Bazaar at St. Joseph's Parish on Saturday, December 4th, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. located at 68 Central Street. Collectibles, Attic Treasures, Plants, Jewelry, Knit Goods, Holiday Decor, Toys, Candy, Baked Items and so much more! Take a chance on one of the many raffles. There is something for everyone. Free admission, free parking, handicap accessible.

United Soccer of Auburn

Registration for all age groups is now open for the Spring Soccer. Use this link to register: United Soccer of Auburn

Please pay attention to key dates to ensure that your child has a spot on a spring 2022 roster:

Travel Soccer (grade 3 and above)
General Registration: $95 thru 12/15 Late Fees: 12/16/21 ($50 fee) Registration Closes: Jan 15, 2022 (After January 15, we cannot guarantee a roster spot.)

In Town (PreK- grade 2)
General Registration: Fees vary by grade Late Fees: 2/1/22 ($25 fee) Registration Closes: March 1, 2022 (After 3/1/22 we cannot guarantee a roster spot)

For all age divisions, registration will be closed if/when the group fills up. This may be prior to the registration deadlines. Your best bet is to register as early as possible and ensure your child is placed on a team. **Coach Credits:** If you have a coach credit please make sure you enter the coupon code or email **registrar@usauburn.com** with any questions **BEFORE you check out.**

Travel Uniforms:

If your child is playing on a U10, U12, U14, U17 or U19 spring soccer team and they do not have one that fits from a prior season or they have not played travel prior, then they need to order a new travel uniform.

- The store is found here: Score Sports- United Soccer of Auburn.
- *Players 2nd grade and younger are provided a jersey and do not need to order anything.*
- For questions related to travel uniforms or if you don't know your child's assigned uniform number please email equipment@usauburn.com

Registration can be found at www.UnitedSoccerofAuburn.com

Substitute Nurses

The Auburn Public Schools is looking for substitute School Nurses. If you are a Registered Nurse or know someone who is and are interesting in working in our school buildings, please contact either Leah Gauthier, Lead Nurse, at lgauthier@auburn.k12.ma.us or Beth Chamberland, Assistant Superintendent, at echamberland@auburn.k12.ma.us. Substitute RNs receive a daily rate of $ 150 and you get to work with our amazing students and staff.

Substitute Teachers and Support Staff

The Auburn Public Schools is looking for substitute teachers and support staff. If interested, please come to 5 West Street to complete an employment application. Applications are reviewed and training is provided to qualified candidates. Applicants should have an Associate or Bachelor's degree. You are able to select the days you work to make it convenient for your schedule. You can also select the school or schools you would prefer to support. Substitutes for teachers are paid $80-$85 per day based on certification, Instructional Assistants are paid $ 12/hour, ABA substitutes are paid $ 12.30/hour and retired teachers who retain their certification are paid $ 90 per day.

I wish you all a great weekend and thank you for your continued support of the Auburn Public Schools. If you have community information you would like shared through this update, please send information to Mrs. Mandy Williams at **mwilliams@auburn.k12.ma.us** by Wednesday afternoon for the current week's update.

Most Sincerely,

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