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**MEMO TO: ALL STAFF OF THE HARRISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
& POMPTONIAN FOOD SERVICE**

FROM: Maureen Kroog
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DATE: October 7, 2021

RE: COVID-19 TESTING UPDATE / and Flu Shots

On behalf of the Board of Education, we want to welcome all staff back to school and thank you for your untiring efforts, as we continue to struggle with the COVID-19 pandemic. Not only have you risen to the occasion to meet the academic needs of your students, you have also excelled at meeting their social and emotional needs.

In an attempt to answer questions that you may have, as well as to clarify the current policy, please review the following information:

As of today, please find the following updates regarding the Governor's Executive Order No. 253 regarding staff COVID-19 vaccination status or COVID-19 testing by October 18, 2021.

1. VACCINATED

Staff who have been fully vaccinated must submit proof of COVID-19 vaccination to Celia Mariano at celia.mariano@staff.harrisonschools.org by Friday, October 15, 2021. Any staff member who has not submitted their proof of being fully vaccinated will be considered not fully vaccinated and are subject to weekly COVID-19 testing (Molecular PCR test), effective Monday, October 18, 2021.

2. UNVACCINATED

Employees who are not vaccinated are required to take a weekly COVID-19 test (Molecular PCR test), effective Monday, October 18, 2021. The results of these weekly tests must be submitted to Celia Mariano at celia.mariano@staff.harrisonschools.org on a weekly basis, effective October 18, 2021.

Failure to comply with this mandate will result in State penalties and possible discipline charges in accordance with Executive Order No. 253.

COVID-19 TESTING

Currently the District is aware of the following testing sites that may be available to district employees who require COVID-19 testing:

1. Garden State Infusion (GSI) Mobile COVID-19 testing van is scheduled to be available every Tuesday outside of Washington Middle School on North 5th Street, effective October 12, 2021. Please email GSI at lautaro@gsi.health or call (973)587-6700 for further information.
2. The North Hudson Community Action Corporation (NHCAC) – Siwek Center, next to the Harrison Town Hall, is offering COVID-19 testing on Tuesdays, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please call (862)229-1160 for more information regarding appointment scheduling.
3. It has come to our attention via the State Department of Education, that Harrison has been accepted into the school screening testing program, via Ginko Bioworks. It is our understanding that this company will be responsible for testing both staff and students as needed. Further details will be provided when they are available.

Please note that the above are suggestions only, as it is the employees' responsibility to get tested weekly and provide the results.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Please refer to Executive Order No. 253 for more information.

Please note the change in District regulation - Unvaccinated individuals will be responsible to undergo the COVID-19 test **once per week**.

Flu shots are available at each school. Please contact your school nurse for details.

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