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Dear AESD Families.

The following update is provided to keep you informed regarding the Anaheim Elementary School District:

Update on Weekly COVID-19 Data for Anaheim

Our District continues to prioritize the health and safety of stakeholders as our top priority. Although California no longer reports data within the tiered colored system, the City of Anaheim updates their data weekly. There were 247 new cases reported across Anaheim's seven ZIP codes for the seven days through November 9, down from 280 the week prior.

If your child is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please keep him/her home and contact your child's health care provider. Please contact your school to report the absence; a COVID-19 related absence is excused. If someone in your household tested positive for COVID-19 and is currently under quarantine or self-isolation, your child should follow the guidelines from the Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) on how long to remain at home and when to return to school.

Town Hall to Discuss Vaccinations

Families that were unable to join our Town Hall to Discuss Vaccinations with Dr. Kate Williamson, may access the following <u>link</u> to view the recorded informational event.

As a reminder, while the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) endorsed the recommendation that children 5 to 11 years old be vaccinated against COVID-19 on November 2nd, currently there is not a state mandate requiring that your child be vaccinated.

Upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

For those families interested in accessing free COVID-19 vaccinations for your students or family members, Albertsons/Pavilions Pharmacies will host three community Vaccination Clinics. The vaccination clinics will be held on Saturday, November 13 and Saturday, December 4 at John Marshall, Key, and Orange Grove Elementary Schools from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Click here to register and make an appointment.

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Veteran's Day Holiday Reminder:

Tomorrow, Thursday, November 11th is the Veteran's Day Holiday which is a non-school day for all AESD students. Please note that **Friday, November 12th is NOT a holiday and is a school day for AESD students**. See you back in school on Friday.

Welcome Dr. Yadira Moreno - Director of Schools, Family and Community Engagement AESD continues to place priority on parent engagement. On November 2nd we welcomed our new Director, Dr. Yadira Moreno to support our school, family & community programs. Dr. Moreno has been with our District for 20 years, serving as a teacher, coach, vice principal and principal. In these roles, she prioritized parent engagement to support student academic and emotional well being.

As Dr. Moreno transitions to her new position, be sure to look for information about our new Before and After School program designed to provide Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO) for students at their home schools beginning in December. This program will support students in having a safe place to be at school while learning and engaging with others. The ELO program will work alongside YMCA Anaheim Achieves and the STARS - City of Anaheim Program.

You can reach Dr. Moreno at ymoreno@aesd.org if you have any questions about AESD school, family and community engagement opportunities.

Sincerely, Dr. Christopher Downing Superintendent