Great Neck Public Schools

John F. Kennedy School 1A Grassfield Rd. Great Neck, NY 11024

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you in good health and enjoying the summer. Our priority has always been and will remain the health and safety of our students. In an effort to reduce anxiety and stress, we are formulating plans for the coming school year.

Below are some important reminders that will help the nursing staff keep all children safe. We need your help more than ever to follow through with these guidelines.

- All students must be up to date with their age appropriate immunizations. This year more than ever it is crucial that every child be fully vaccinated.
- Update student's School Health Examination (**Pre-K**, **K**, **1**,**3**, **5**, **7**, **9** and **11**) within 30 days of entrance. Please send in completed forms as soon as your provider sends them to you. Keep a copy for your records.
- It is imperative for all sick children to remain at home.
- All absences need to be accounted for and must be reported to the JFK attendance line
 (516) 441-4215 or the JFK Health Office at (516) 441-4210.
- A student showing signs of illness in school must be picked up by a parent or their designee in a timely fashion.
- All phone numbers including emergency contacts must be updated and valid.
- All parents should have a back-up plan set up in case they are unavailable to pick up their child.
- In order to minimize spread of illness and reduce unnecessary visits to the Health Office, we ask that parents provide each child with personal items that he/she might need during the school day (i.e. tissues, chapstick, hand cream, hand sanitizer, etc.)

The Great Neck nurses are committed to maintaining good health practices to ensure the safety of our Great Neck family. We will be keeping you informed as new regulations come to light from New York State.

Stay safe,

Susan Becker
JFK School Nurse