

Good Afternoon SJS Families,

I wanted to wish you all Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. I am looking forward to this break and spending time with my family, kids and elderly Lab who sleeps all day. I am going to try to channel some of his energy. Wishing you all a safe, healthy holiday and Happy New Year!

Best,  
Tara Medeiros  
SJS Nurse

### **Covid-19 Vaccine**

If you have your child vaccinated please email me and update with dates of administration and the Immunization card. This will be critical information to have when contact tracing and determining close contact status.

Did you know if your child is fully immunized two weeks after the second dose of the Pfizer vaccine, they do not need to participate in the Test and Stay Program and are not considered a close contact? That means you don't have to get up early and drag your kids to the back of the gym at 8am!!! You can sleep in! If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's Pediatrician for vaccine guidance.

If you are looking for a vaccine for your child, I will continue to send out Canton Board of Health clinics when they become available. In the meantime, you can check this website here to find locations via the Vaxfinder- [CLICK HERE](#)

Here is a list of articles I like to share with friends and family who are unsure about the vaccine for children.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8163337/>

The relentless school nurse

blog- <https://www.facebook.com/494502090896584/posts/1622340718112710/?d=n>

Pediatrician podcast- <https://omny.fm/shows/in-the-bubble/the-case-for-vaccinating-kids-with-pediatrician-pa?fbclid=IwAR3Re2PgrjNdO099dul6zJrEGmDIQ5YkEyVhMzgE-846pN8A9Fr0T41nRxl>

General Article with information <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2021/10/covid-19-vaccine-gives-5-times-protection-natural-immunity-data-show?fbclid=IwAR2uwAcmGU5CsU9XCDisfCnyA7Tock5cQjZTkqQTigDgsfUqi-Z3Tc4IHPA>

### **Consent Portal and Testing**

**467** Tests have been administered since the launch of our Test and Stay and Symptomatic testing program!!!! <https://www.cic-health.com/consent/ma?district=null>

Please consider entering your child's information for our testing program. If you want them to remain in school if they are a close contact, there must be consent on file. It is helpful to myself and staff when students are already consented. Thank you for your consideration.

Merry Christmas and stay well!

Best,  
Tara Medeiros  
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