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## **Interim Superintendent's Message: Return from Winter Break Important Health Reminders**

Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff and Students,

Happy new year! We hope you had a restful and joyful winter break with family and friends!

Elementary school resumes on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023 and secondary schools resume on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023.

Covid cases, flu and RSV are present in our communities. Let's work together to minimize illness spread upon return to school following winter break!

Take your free site-provided Covid-19 test the evening before or in the morning before coming to school / work. Together, we can help minimize virus spread in our community!

**Stay home if sick and call your site. Take a Covid test.**

**The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) strongly recommends that students and staff wear well-fitting masks in all indoor spaces for the next 10 days to reduce spread of Covid and other easily transmitted illnesses. LACDPH message:**

***“Layered Protections Will Reduce Outbreaks as Individuals Return from Holiday Activities and Travel***

*To prevent a post-holiday COVID-19 surge, residents are asked to layer protections as they return to work and school. Masking indoors remains an easy and sensible precaution to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmissions, limit disruptions related to workplace or school outbreaks, and limit additional stress on health care providers and hospitals.*

*There is a greater risk of spreading COVID-19 in closed spaces, and the risk is higher for older people. For the best protection, individuals should wear a well-fitted, high-filtration mask such as an N95, KN95, or KF94.”*

We are looking forward to our return to school and starting off 2023 with enthusiasm for student academic success, along with continued health and wellness of our staff and students.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mark Kelly, Interim Superintendent