



## May 5, 2021 - NPS Community Update

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Dear Newport Public School Families and Staff,

Happy Wednesday! I hope everyone is settling in and adjusting to the 4 day per week schedule. We are happy to have more students back in our school buildings. Let's finish the year strong! We have seven weeks to go. Look for announcements from your building principals related to end of year activities. May calendars are provided: [click here](#).

**Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!** Thank you to all of our teachers for your dedication to our students and families!

**May 12 is National School Nurse Day!** We are very fortunate to have an incredible team of school nurses in **Sarah Cloutier, Lisa Buterbaugh, Maureen Grimes and Carolyn Martin**. This team has gone above and beyond in order to ensure the safety and well-being of our school community by performing contact tracing, testing, data review and implementation of important safety procedures. Please join me in thanking our team!

### Important Dates:

- Monday, May 10 – School Building Committee Meeting – 5 PM  
<https://zoom.us/j/96593211379?pwd=Z0xiWFpFMUpqNXFWWDazZFl6SGVndz09> Passcode: 2fvj3n
- Tuesday, May 11 – Newport School Committee Regular Meeting – 5 PM  
<https://zoom.us/j/97666187436?pwd=U2RWWGFpMkhjdDd3L0JZL2lFdkY3UT09> Passcode: 2G7Lg0
- Monday, May 17 – Statewide PD Day – All Students Distance Learning
- Thursday, June 3 – Virtual Town Hall meeting (RESCHEDULED from May 27<sup>th</sup> due to RHS Honors Night)

### School Building Update:

A neighborhood meeting was held for the neighbors of Rogers High School on Monday, May 3 and a community meeting was held on Tuesday, May 4 for both building projects. Both meetings were well attended and can be viewed by clicking on the links provided:

[May 3 RHS Good Neighbor Meeting](#)   [May 4 Community Mtg.](#)

The School Building Committee will review the Schematic Design for the Pell Addition on Monday, May 10 at 5 PM. Building Committee documents and meeting videos are available at: [School Building Committee](#). The meeting schedule can be viewed at [NPS Calendar](#).

### Vaccinations for 16+

In coordination with East Bay Community Action (EBCAP) and the Rhode Island Department of Health, vaccine clinic dates have been set for Rogers High School for ALL students 16 and older and staff that need to be vaccinated. The **first dose will be given Thursday, May 6th** and the **2nd dose will be on Tuesday, May 25th**. Clinics will be at the auditorium and will be during the school day.

Vaccinations will be administered between 8 AM and 12:15 PM to those that signed up and submitted a consent form.

### **Travel Guidance and Restrictions – Update for people that are not fully vaccinated**

The district has adjusted its international travel quarantine days from 14 days to 10 days with a negative PCR test taken on or after day 7 for people not fully vaccinated. If you travel within the US to an area that has a positivity rate of less than 5% then you do not have to quarantine. If one travels to a place that has a positive rate of 5% or more, [States with Travel Restrictions upon entry to RI](#) and you are not fully vaccinated, you must quarantine for 10 days and/or receive a negative PCR COVID test taken on day 7 or later to return to school. Contact your school nurse if you have any questions.

Please continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands, wear your masks, and keep small social groups to a minimum to help lessen the spread of COVID and keep everyone safe. **I encourage all that are age 16 and older to take advantage of the opportunity to get vaccinated.**

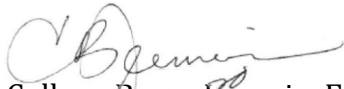
**Artificial Intelligence for Social Good Summer Program by MIT Graduates – application deadline May 20.** [Click here for more information.](#)

### **IMPORTANT LINKS:**

- [Data dashboard](#) – updated daily
- [States with Travel Restrictions upon entry to RI](#)

Thank you to all students, staff and families for all you are doing, your hard work, and your patience. Continue to support one another during this last quarter of the school year.

Stay safe,



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