

Dear Families and Staff,

As you know, last weekend we learned there was a change in our on-site weekly COVID testing provider. Unfortunately, this means we are unable to offer COVID-19 testing on-site for the foreseeable future. We are in the process of implementing the necessary changes, and hope to be able to offer testing again by the end of the month, but in the meantime those who would like testing will need to utilize other options. Testing sites can be found [here](#). Staff that are required to participate in weekly testing have received a separate email with additional information.

We would also like to remind everyone about the importance of vaccinations. With the winter upon us, and more people gathering indoors, as well as the emergence of new variants, vaccination continues to offer the best protection against COVID-19. Should you be interested in obtaining a vaccine (Pfizer is available to everyone 5 years and older) or booster (available to everyone 18+), additional information can be found [here](#). Additionally, the flu vaccine is available at many pharmacies and doctors' offices as well. We encourage you to talk with your healthcare provider about these vaccines and see if they are right for you and your family.

As an additional reminder, IEA does not have any travel restrictions at this time for domestic travel. However, if you have engaged in riskier travel, including travel by mass transit (airplane, boat, bus or train), staying in dorm-style shared accommodations or engaged in activities in large crowds without distancing or masking in- or out-of-state, it may be beneficial to obtain a COVID-19 test prior to returning to the building. IEA's travel policy and guidelines can be found [here](#).

We continue to take every precaution to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. We are pleased to share that, to date, there continues to be no transmission of COVID-19 within the IEA community. We are so grateful for all you are doing to help ensure this.

We wish you a happy and healthy holiday season.

Stay well,
Jeff Forman
Executive Director