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Dear Members of the Berlin Public Schools Community,

As you know, in November of 2021, after reviewing our Volunteer Policy under the lens of the Governor's Executive Order 13g, we updated the protocols for volunteers in schools to include proof of vaccination for COVID-19 or a negative test result (rapid or PCR) taken within 72 hours of volunteering.

Earlier this month, the Connecticut Department of Public Health adjusted the guidance related to Executive Order 13g to include the use of FDA approved home test kits until further notice.

Please be advised that effective immediately, the district will accept proof of a negative test result via a rapid or PCR test from an approved provider, or a negative test on an FDA approved home test kit. If utilizing the home test kit, we will require a picture of the negative result with your name and date written on the test in ink. The district has been provided with a limited number of testing kits. If you are unable to obtain a test kit through your insurance, please reach out to your building administration and a test kit can be provided to you (while supplies last).

The above protocol applies to volunteers working with children during the regular school day. Volunteers at optional before or after school events, such as after school clubs, evening book fairs, sports events, concerts, and other events outside of school hours, will be expected to comply with the mitigation strategies, such as wearing a mask, required at the specific event.

We hope this news helps alleviate some of the burden of the compliance requirements. We appreciate your continued cooperation in assisting us in keeping our staff and students safe.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Benigni
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