

October 9, 2020

Good afternoon North Syracuse Central School District Staff,

As we head into this first holiday weekend of the school year, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the work you've been doing this past month. This has been a most unusual start to the school year and I appreciate your flexibility, patience and understanding.

Travel Advisory

Please remember that New York State remains under a travel advisory. The advisory mandates New Yorkers that travel to a state or territory on the NYS Travel Advisory List to quarantine for a period of 14 days. On September 28, New York State's travel advisory was expanded to include international travel.

The complete advisory, along with a list of all states and counties included can be found on the [New York State Travel Advisory website by clicking here](#).

Pooled Saliva Testing for NSCSD

I have also received word that next week, Onondaga County will begin offering pooled, saliva based testing in school buildings within the County. I have reached out to the County expressing interest in having North Syracuse staff be able to participate. As I receive more information, I will pass it along to you.

COVID-19 Resources

Please also be reminded of the District's [COVID-19 Resources website](#). The site is updated on a daily basis as new information and guidance is received. Links to school health office websites and school nurse information is provided on the site along with signs and symptoms and detailed information about returning to school after illness.

Staff Wellness

Finally, take a few moments this long weekend to visit our [Staff Wellness Page](#). Enjoy your long weekend and take time to take care!

Sincerely,

Daniel D. Bowles,

Superintendent of Schools