Dear Members,

Given the surge in the omicron variant, we believe it is important to have a town hall answering your questions about how to function in society in this moment. Whether we work in schools, hospitals or other workplaces, we need to know how to keep ourselves and our families safe.

We have invited some people we have relied on through the pandemic to join the town hall: U.S Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy; Dr. Irwin Redlener, pediatrician and co-founder of the Children’s Health Fund; and Dr. Vin Gupta, a pulmonologist and faculty member at the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation and an officer in the U.S. Air Force. The town hall will be held on **Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 6:45 p.m.** EST. We’ll discuss what we know about the new COVID-19 variant, the way that boosters are working, and the need for the continued mitigation factors that prevent the spread of the virus.

Here’s how you can get the information out to your members:

First, agree to cross-post the townhall. This will enable it to play automatically on your union’s Facebook page. If you agree to cross-post, please email Megan Ackerman: mackerman@aft.org

Second, share this graphic announcing the town hall. Click [here](https://u1584542.ct.sendgrid.net/ss/c/atcYNHk4Eh2YdGnwBh-YDPAZiEt8wwS6hp5wOIb3CiJH5YjMi5wQNpCez5kk7x8p5PfNDewxyI373_nNsriyfA5xQ1TMkrwj-8ZpF4mjoj8P3wnkvthm_W5H4tx4N-hnq7taim1Vom9bZufjifdvHEvMCUrAM2GAkFH-_LyTVoJp6aGBc4bXp8FYnm4vIoR7Yp0hh8N80ml3u9Y4QB9x3O1toEmWyai6PlL152bSE8fu0vZW45IgfUKcycrkJ37fCFty5lcedJbigGt3D3yMsOZASeWRIjtGXcAFsAA1tMo/3ii/3varNmSPQQC8mZJe87hucg/h0/hsD_9qKwryiH1qi-MXJ0bn3oWLISUiU_BBn1VAVeiAQ) to share it on Facebook and [here](https://u1584542.ct.sendgrid.net/ss/c/dSCQfi9FLISmU3ZE3bfPhrB6qJfsM5re4Qq3cOYAeyKmexXp92RYiQ5LGvynL_myi1Kduw7_h8YaevoZwJqHGHNg5p0hBq_iVIv5jIe8wlUVY5ID9Mf1PjRHnqK-5PwsKaOjEgLa2LmR7ZTIxzPCJEfhGo4WTOYeOcLRPzPbpdtgmEWs1KXzO-gIY5IQ6Qq_35l_5cmyDXzFv96cG7FO6vOwwWMiTYCwRohWmJKfgv8pAWU0yRUhrSaB4IaneE8ZdR-dXFxSaRuN9qYsnyqmF5ALULTyCXXk6Lghok5LSK71Txe7BIdio6tQ6gkBVHDU/3ii/3varNmSPQQC8mZJe87hucg/h1/mPv5HXUoMFuCrTxM6-m8IRc3Atfl5TqnG_V8vbQ-_dY) to share it on Twitter.

Third, you or your members can submit questions to the town hall [here](https://u1584542.ct.sendgrid.net/ss/c/P8Elou2Rvc0qoMPEUZrMXcOpy_XqN4R2ZGjoK-5zZnlhOVJxbbqnfqOfX_AzTpUq/3ii/3varNmSPQQC8mZJe87hucg/h2/f4wdpef7Na7LfVnZnHbKEN8-IDgMj_uzSEahrDBZznM). We want to make sure our members have the opportunity to engage with these experts and ask questions, so please be sure to share this with them.

And last, please be sure to remind your members on Tuesday about the town hall.

In unity,
Randi Weingarten
AFT President