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Dear Golden Knights,

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide an update on the New York State's micro-cluster (yellow, orange, red) zone designations. In order for schools designated in yellow zones to resume in-person instruction:

- Districts must randomly test 20 % of students and staff during in person instruction for each building
- Test over the two-week period immediately following the announcement of a yellow zone (If school is remote testing can begin on the first day when in person learning begins)
- Fall below the region's positivity rate

Currently, there are not any schools within our District that fall within the yellow zone designation. However, if any of our schools become designated in a yellow zone, we will need to meet the 20% testing requirement. The Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES has partnered with Upstate Family Health Care Center to provide free COVID testing to Districts. These tests:

- require a swab of each nostril and are not as invasive as the standard PCR tests (see attached video).
- Takes under one minute to administer and you will receive your results the same day.
- Will occur in the evening on District grounds.

If you are willing to have your child tested at no expense to meet the 20% testing requirement, please complete the Google form (located on our website at www.hpschools.org) by Thursday, December 31 so we can determine if we are able to meet the 20% threshold when designated a yellow zone. All volunteers would be notified when testing will occur.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to help the District meet the testing requirement threshold. Your understanding and collaboration is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,