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Dear Pearl River School Community,

As part of our yellow zone testing requirement, we scheduled several dates for our school physician, Dr. Padre, to conduct drive thru testing. On Saturday, we tested over 100 students and staff. **Due to the inclement weather, today's scheduled testing at the Middle School is cancelled.**

A week of school surveillance testing has been coordinated with Good Samaritan Hospital for schools who fall within the "yellow zone". The test being used is a BINAX card test which is a saliva test. The State allows this test to be used for the purpose of yellow zone testing. The confirmed schedule for sites for yellow zone school testing this week is as follows:

Monday, 11/30/2020: 11am-2pm Palisades Mall Drive-up testing - Garage Entrance West (ramp entrance next to Best Buy). Walk-up for people coming by bus. Please follow signs.

Tuesday, 12/01/2020: 11am-2pm Suffern High School, 49 Viola Rd, Suffern, NY 10901

Wednesday, 12/02/2020: 11am-2pm Spring Valley High School, 361 E Route 59, Spring Valley, NY 10977

Thursday, 12/03/2020: 11am-2pm Rockland BOCES Bldg 10, 65 Parrott Rd, West Nyack, NY 10994

Friday, 12/04/2020: 11am-2pm Palisades Mall Drive-up testing - Garage Entrance West (ramp entrance next to Best Buy). Walk-up for people coming by bus. Please follow signs.

Parents who volunteered to have their child tested and have not yet done so can test at one of the locations above. Please let the school nurse know if you tested and send her a copy of the results. **Please note that we have contacted the Department of Health to find out the status of the required 20% testing when we are on remote learning. We are waiting to hear if testing this week can be counted towards the initial 20% when we return to in-person instruction or if we will have to move to the next 20%. As soon as we hear, we will let our school community know.**

If you wish to have your child tested at one of the sites above, please click the link at the bottom of this letter to print the required paperwork and bring it with you to the testing location.

Please make note of the lab findings:

- If a Binax card test (asymptomatic/school surveillance) is positive, the student/staff must quarantine and go for a PCR test within 48 hours. If the PCR test is positive then the student/staff must isolate. Case investigation and contact tracing will begin.
- If the PCR test is negative, the student/staff is released from quarantine and not counted as a case.
- If the Binax card test (asymptomatic/school surveillance) is negative, there is no need for further testing.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marco F. Pochintesta

[Good Samaritan Hospital POC COVID-19 Form](#)