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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Pearl River School District Families,

As of noon today, since we initiated Yellow Zone testing we have had a total of 39 new cases of COVID-19 identified in the District:

- EP 4 cases
- LA 3 cases
- FA 4 cases
- PRMS 13 cases
- PRHS 12 cases
- District Office 3 cases

This is an increase of 23 cases since Friday, November 27, when we first reported the higher than expected numbers of new cases. At that time I indicated the impact these cases, and additional cases would have on our ability to sustain in-person instruction. Any single new case is almost always accompanied by a group of individuals that will have been exposed, and therefore, will need to quarantine.

We know that quarantines impact students, as well as staff, and therefore our ability to operate our schools. The pool of substitutes that are available has also greatly diminished since the announcement of our Yellow Zone designation. Continuing in-person instruction has been a goal that we have worked hard to preserve, however, this cannot be accomplished without our faculty and staff.

Despite these setbacks, we are working towards meeting the COVID-19 testing requirement for schools within a Yellow Zone so that we can resume in-person instruction. A number of families volunteered to have their children tested by either their pediatrician or at a state or local testing facility. **If your child was tested at an outside location and you have not yet shared your results, or you are waiting for results, please call your child's school nurse.** If you tested at the Middle School on November 28th, you do not need to call as we have that information.

PRHS Nurse - Ms. Chiovetta- 845-620-3819 or email chiovettaj@pearlriver.org

PRMS Nurse - Mrs. Ayers 845-620-3878 or email ayersa@pearlriver.org

Evans Park Nurse - Mrs. Daly 845- 620-3951 or email dalyr@pearlriver.org

Franklin Ave. Nurse - Mrs Burke 845- 620- 3970 or email burkef@pearlriver.org

Lincoln Ave School - Mrs. Higgins 845- 620-3823 or email higginsl@pearlriver.org

It is important for us to have an accurate count of students tested so that we are certain that we meet the required 20% testing threshold for each school. If we reach the 20% threshold at any school, we will send an email to families to let them know.

Dr. Cindy Padre will be conducting drive through testing at the Middle School today starting at 5:15 PM. If you are participating, please bring a pen and your health insurance card information as the lab will bill your insurance for the test. There is no co-pay. As a reminder, testing is limited to students who participate in our in-person hybrid learning model.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school.

Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marco Pochintesta