

11-24-20 Covid Testing Update

Dear Pearl River School District Parents,

In reviewing the survey responses, we are monitoring the number of parents per school who are willing to take their child for Yellow Zone COVID testing. At this time, although the gap has narrowed, we still fall short of the required 20% of in-person hybrid students volunteering to take a COVID-19 test at all schools.

We have made arrangements with our school physician, Dr. Cindy Padre, to administer nasal swab PCR tests, **via drive-up testing at the Pearl River Middle School on:**

- Saturday, November 28th from 2:15 to 4:30 PM
- Monday November 30th from 5:15 to 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, December 1st from 5:15 to 7:00 PM

A parent and/or guardian must accompany the student. You are required to bring your health insurance card and a pen to complete paperwork. There will be no co-pay, however, your insurance will be billed by the lab. **Testing is ONLY open to Pearl River School District hybrid learning students.**

At this time we are asking parents to please inform your school if you are going to seek an outside source of testing through a free testing site or through your pediatrician so that we can keep an accurate count as we work towards our first 20% requirement. We want to make sure that we are not testing more than 20% of our in-person hybrid population. We may have to continue testing with a new group of 20% and want to avoid students testing twice.

As per the [Yellow Zone Testing Q and A](#) information that was sent out yesterday, parents can also find a testing location at the following website: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you>, or call NYS COVID-19 hotline at 1-888-364-3065.

NYS offers free testing at Anthony Wayne Recreation Area at Bear Mountain by appointment (888) 364-3065.

You can also call your healthcare provider or pediatrician to see if they have testing available.

The Rockland County Department of Health is trying to assist schools in the county with free testing, but we do not have any information on this yet.

If you have had your child tested for COVID 19 on or after November 23, please email the results of that test to the school nurse. Please note for the purpose of Yellow Zone testing, a rapid covid test is acceptable.