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Dear Pearl River School Community,

Pearl River Schools are scheduled to return to the hybrid learning model on Monday, January 11th. Please be aware that we will need to continue with random COVID-19 testing. NYS requires that schools in “yellow zones” must test 20% of all students, staff and teachers every two weeks, unless the positivity rate is lower than the region’s 7-day positivity rate. The size of the next 20% testing group will be determined by the number of people in the in-person community of students, staff and teachers. Children whose parents have indicated their intention to move to a remote model until further notice will be excluded from the next round of testing. We will randomize the student population in each building, subtracting the names of students who tested in the first 20%, students who are on remote learning, and students who tested positive in the last 90 days. Parents will receive communication from their school if their child has been selected for testing. All students who attend in-person instruction are subject to testing.

Parents who are notified that their child has been selected for testing will be provided with a list of testing locations. Free drive-thru testing is available at the Anthony Wayne Recreation Site by appointment. Your child’s health care provider may also be able to administer a test. Parents will have to get their child tested **by January 20th** in order to allow for time to receive the results. We are also trying to coordinate testing in District for students. When we have more information, we will share it with our families.

For the purposes of complying with the yellow zone testing, there is no requirement on the type of test administered. However, a copy of the results, or a signed letter from your health care provider stating the date that your child was administered a test, and the result must be sent to your child’s school nurse. Please note that tests administered prior to January 9th will not count for this next round of testing as schools were on remote instruction.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marco F. Pochintesta