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Dear Pearl River School Community,

Today our Yellow Zone testing results were finalized and reported to the NYS COVID-19 Dashboard. In addition, the local and State Department of Health were notified. Our totals by school are as follows:

School	# tested	# positive	%
LA	61	4	6.55%
FA	68	7	10.29%
EP	74	5	6.70%
MS	110	13	11.80%
HS	123	13	10.56%

The current 7 day positivity rate for this cluster is 5.9%. Since our positivity rate is higher than the cluster zone, we need to continue testing 20% of students and staff in order to continue with in-person hybrid learning. Our next reporting period begins tomorrow and ends on December 23rd.

As before, the next 20% will be determined by the size of the in-person community of students, staff and teachers. Children whose parents have indicated their intention to move to a remote model until after the winter recess or until further notice will be excluded from the next round of testing. We will use a software program to randomize the student population in each building, subtracting the names of students who tested in the first 20%. Parents will be notified that their child has been selected for testing. All students who attend in-person instruction are subject to testing. Any parent that does not wish to have their child participate in COVID-19 testing will be moved to the remote learning plan.

Parents who are notified that their child must participate in 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 December 16th in order to allow for time to receive the results. If we are able to host another in district drive thru testing, we will send out a communication.

For the purposes of complying with the yellow zone testing, there is no requirement on the type of test. However, a copy of the results, or a 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.

So far this week, we were notified of an additional 4 positive cases of COVID-19 in the District. Two HS students, one HS staff member, and a Franklin Ave. student. All of these cases did not require further action as the individuals have not been in school for over a week. The total number of cases in the District since the start of the year is now 77. Please note that these four cases are not included in our positivity rate results because they were not part of the initial 20% testing.

Sincerely,
Dr. Marco F. Pochintesta