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Hello Families and Staff,

We have finalized plans for our second round of random COVID-19 testing of students and staff who have given consent. It will begin Thursday and continue daily. Our goal: Test 10% of our students/staff over the next two weeks and 20% over the next month. That aligns with the latest state COVID-19 Micro-Cluster Strategy for schools located in an Orange Zone ([we are still a Yellow Zone](#)).

We resume testing as a proactive measure and to self-monitor the safety of our schools. We are not under any state mandate to do so. This COVID-19 rapid test is the shallow, nasal swab (Abbott BinaxNOW) that we also used in November ([watch the video](#)). Staff who will administer tests to students have been trained to do so and will follow all safety and privacy protocols, including PPE, sanitizing and privacy screens.

## **CONSENT**

Students who have not given consent will NOT be tested. If you did not consent prior to our first round of testing and now wish to so, click [THIS LINK](#) and submit the form (one for each child) by 5 p.m. Wednesday. Changes to consent after that must be made by contacting your child's principal ([school directory](#)).

If you gave consent in November, it is not necessary to do it again (it covers the 2020-21 school year). However, if you want to void prior consent to remove your child(ren) from the random selection, contact their principal ASAP. Testing/consent does not apply to full-remote students.

## **CAN A STUDENT BE TESTED AGAIN?**

Yes. If your child was tested in November, it's possible he/she may be selected again. This is a random selection. We also will target non-instructional times for student testing as much as possible to minimize classroom disruptions.

## **NOTIFICATIONS**

Parents/guardians will not be notified prior to your child being tested unless you contact their building principal and ask to be present. Once a student has been tested, families will receive an email later that day to indicate its completion. If a student/staff member tests positive, protocols will be followed to isolate the individual in the building's COVID isolation room, parents/guardians will be informed and asked to pick up their child. Any positive tests will be reported to the Monroe County Department of Public Health to start contact tracing. We ask that you follow-up with your own healthcare provider.

I know it's a lot to unpack again, but we are taking these steps to help our community stay healthy and stop the spread while we await official guidance on vaccinations. Thank you for all that you're doing. We need it and sincerely appreciate the partnership!

## **COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE**

The [MCDPH](#) today reported three new positive cases in our District:

- One student at Iroquois Middle School

- One student at Listwood School
- One staff member at Irondequoit High School

MCDPH's contact tracing determined that each case was the result of community spread with no close contacts happening in school. Per federal privacy laws, we cannot disclose any more details or personally identifiable information about these or any cases. If you have questions about these, contact tracing and/or quarantining, call the MCDPH COVID-19 Hotline at (585) 753-5555 or email [COVID19@monroecounty.gov](mailto:COVID19@monroecounty.gov).

For all COVID-related updates/resources, visit the [COVID-19 Information page](#) at the District website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Aaron', is positioned above the typed name.

Aaron R. Johnson, Ed. D  
Superintendent of Schools