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Dear Cheektowaga Central Parents and Students,

Here is the follow up information I promised. I am writing to share information with you about the COVID-19 Student Testing Consent Form process. Testing for staff and students would begin in January 2021 when we return to the Hybrid Instructional Model. We plan to begin testing the week of Jan. 4, 2021 with 5% of those who have consented. We will test 5% each week in order to reach the 20% monthly testing requirement under orange zone.

We need a response for each student enrolled in the Hybrid Instructional Model. By (Monday, December 14, 2020), please complete the [COVID-19 Student Testing Consent Form](#). If your child is enrolled in the 100% Remote Learning model, you do not need to complete the consent form. We will not require testing for students without consent or as a condition of attending in-person instruction unless the guidance from NYS requires it.

- Testing will only be conducted for the Hybrid Instructional Model students who have provided consent.
- Testing will be done in each school building by our licensed RN's, who will be a familiar face to your child. They have been trained to administer the [BINAXNow rapid test](#), a minimally invasive test with results in 15 minutes. Many report that it "tickles" the nose and is easy to do.
- We will randomly generate a testing group each week.
- On the consent form, parents will be allowed to select an option that allows them to accompany the student during the test. If you choose this option, you will be asked to provide contact information so that the school can set an appointment for the test. You can remain until the test results are available.
- For parents who do not want to attend the testing, you will be notified via email or phone call with the date that your child has been scheduled for testing. The student will be called down to the testing site where the test will be administered.
- Any student or staff member testing positive will be isolated immediately. A parent will be called to pick up the child, who will follow the [Return to School protocol](#). Negative results will be communicated the day of the test as well.

Developmentally, we know that in-person instruction is the best way to meet our student's academic and social emotional needs. We need the support of our parents to allow their child to be tested so we can return to the Hybrid Instructional Model.

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