

November 12, 2020

Dear Hope Hall Families,

Earlier this week, the Hope Hall COVID Safety Committee emailed you with information related to the Yellow Zone Designation under the New York State Micro-Cluster Strategy. We know you were left with many more questions related to the implementation of testing in our school. Dr. Mendoza is meeting with all Non-public schools this evening, Thursday, November 12th, at 5:30pm and we will receive more information and clarification then. Here is what we do know so far:

- The test in question is not the test that many of you may have already experienced. The new rapid COVID-19 test that will be used is less invasive and involves inserting a small swab into the front of the nose.
- Results typically take between 10-15 minutes.
- Testing groups will be notified as soon as possible. Given our current in-person enrollment numbers, we would be testing a total of 28 students/staff/faculty each week.
- If your child has a specimen collected for testing at school, we will send a notification home with them to let you know.

We want to make it clear that Hope Hall will not test any child without parent/guardian consent. We are seeking your consent to test your child for COVID-19 infection. You can go to <https://hopehall.org/community-connection-during-covid-19/> to access the link to the consent form. If you consent, your child may receive a free diagnostic test for the COVID-19 virus. Please complete a separate consent form for each child in your household.

The goal is still to keep our schools open for in-person learning as long as possible. However, per NYS, if we don't get enough consent then we will be forced to go fully remote. Thank you for your willingness to partner with us in this effort, as we comply with this newest requirement. Please continue to be vigilant about washing hands, wearing masks and social distancing for the benefit of our students.

Thank you for your continued trust and support!

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