



Skaneateles Central School District

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Dear Skaneateles family,

I am reaching out to follow up on my letter yesterday regarding a possible yellow zone designation in Onondaga County. While several of our neighbors were in fact given that designation by the Governor's office, I am happy to share that the Skaneateles Central School District was not included. While we are not presently required to begin school testing protocols, we must plan for that eventuality so we can quickly respond without disruption to learning.

Yesterday our County Executive, Ryan McMahon, shared that this process requires the participation of the entire school community if schools will be permitted to remain open. Schools in the yellow zone are required to test 20% of the in-school population (students, faculty, staff, and administration) each week and the key detail is that this is **voluntary** testing. Should we become designated in the yellow zone, our ability to stay open is entirely dependent on the willingness of our school community to voluntarily participate in testing. If we fail to meet the 20% voluntary testing requirement, we are legally required to close and pivot to remote only instruction.

We intend to build our testing capacity now so we are prepared to respond quickly and to that end you will be contacted again in the coming weeks with additional information about a plan to meet this mandate should this become a reality at Skaneateles Central Schools.

Thank you for all you continue to do to keep our school community safe and healthy.

Stronger together,

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