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Dear Seaford Parents/Guardians,

In November, I sent you a letter that provided information about Governor Cuomo's recently announced "micro-cluster" color coding strategy (yellow, orange and red) for monitoring and responding to outbreaks of new cases within limited and definable geographic areas. Over the last few weeks, there have been changes to the procedures that school districts must follow. Please note that if a school is located in a micro-cluster designated as yellow, orange or red, a school can potentially remain open for in-person learning if COVID testing occurs within the school district. These following requirements are continually changing and represent the latest revisions as per Governor Cuomo. Note: Thus far, there have been no changes to the Yellow Zone requirements.

- **Yellow Zone** – A school must test 20% of in-person students, faculty and staff over the two-week period immediately following the announcement of a yellow zone designation. If the results of testing reveal that the positivity rate amongst the 20% is lower than the yellow zone's current 7-day positivity rate, testing at the school will no longer be required. If the results reveal that the positivity rate amongst in-person students and staff is higher than the zone's current 7-day positivity rate, the school must continue testing 20% of its in-person population on a bi-weekly basis.
- **Orange Zone** – Each school must test 20% of in-person students, faculty and staff over the course of a month immediately following the announcement of an orange zone designation.
- **Red Zone** – Each school must test 30% of in-person students, faculty and staff over the course of a month immediately following the announcement of a red zone designation.

These protocols represent the minimum standard required for schools to stay open and the State may adjust these requirements for specific districts based on any special circumstances which may arise.

In preparation of a potential zone announcement for our area, the District last night approved a contract with the company, ATC Testing and Screening Services, LLC, to conduct COVID-19 testing on our campuses. This company will request that each individual being tested will provide their health insurance information. If a person does not have health insurance, the cost will be processed through the Cares Act.

Please be advised that school districts are not receiving advance notification about micro-cluster designations. Therefore, in order to keep schools open for in-person instruction, we will need to begin COVID testing almost immediately. In order to plan for COVID testing, we will need your help. I ask that by Friday, December 11, 2020 parents/guardians complete this survey at this link [COVID Testing Survey](#) for each child in your family who attends the Seaford School District. ***The survey does not need to be completed by families whose children are fully remote.***

Please note the following regarding the COVID-19 Testing:

- **Participation in COVID-19 Testing is voluntary**
- Testing will take place at one of the local school buildings
- Testing will be administered by trained professionals through a medical provider
- Parents/Guardians are permitted to be present during testing of their child
- The ATC Testing and Screening will be using a pediatric version of the PCR test
- There is no cost for this testing as the District is assuming this financial responsibility if insurance and the Cares Act does not cover the cost

As always, thank you for your patience and support. Together, we will stay Seaford Strong. Please take good care and stay well!

Yours in Seaford Pride,

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