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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you know we have worked diligently to re-open our Catholic Academy and the first two months of the academic year has been a great success. We have submitted our re-opening plans to the New York State Department of Health and Education. We practice the Core 4: Stay at Home if Sick, Social Distancing, Mask Wearing and Healthy Hygiene.

As per Governor Cuomo's Micro Cluster Strategy, Schools identified as being in a Yellow Zone are required to conduct random weekly testing of 20% of the Faculty, Staff and Students to continue in person instruction. Schools that do not complete the 20% weekly random testing will be required to switch to full remote learning.

Keeping school buildings open depends on working together to reduce the risk of exposure and transmission of the COVID-19 virus. One way to do this is to have our students and staff in our buildings get tested!

We have engaged the services of **myOnSite Healthcare** to conduct the weekly random testing at the school. The test is easy, quick, and safe. A Q-Tip like swab is used to swab the nasal passage. **The tests being used are issued by New York State- AVID Bi-Naxow COVID -19 AG Card**

For us to administer a COVID-19 test to your child, we need your consent. We strongly encourage you to sign and return the attached consent form

We want to assure you that if your child is selected for testing but is uncomfortable or unable to be tested, we will not test your child and will work with you to address any concerns so that they can participate in future testing. We are focused on making this a brief, and gentle experience for our students, led by trained testers.

Schools will notify parents in advance if your child is selected for the random weekly testing. If you wish to be present for the testing, you must notify the school before the testing day.

If your child is tested, we will let you know they were tested and when and how you will receive the results, which will typically be provided within 48-72 hours.

Whether you have Insurance coverage or not , the COVID-19 Test is FREE!

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Jennifer DiLorenzo

