



## CENTRAL SQUARE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Governor Cuomo has established COVID-19 “Yellow, Orange, and Red Zones” for communities across New York State that impact businesses and school districts. The link (at the bottom of this letter) has a more detailed explanation at the top of the survey in how it impacts in-person learning. It refers to Governor Cuomo’s rules regarding what schools have to do to remain open for in-person learning if the school is located in an area that is designated as a COVID-19 “Yellow Zone.” **This only impacts students that receive in-person learning in any of our six schools within the Central Square School District.**

Currently, we have **no** schools in our school district that are located in an area that the State has designated as a COVID-19 “Yellow Zone.” This is just a proactive way for the District **and** the parents of students in each school to obtain valuable information that will determine which schools will be able to meet the 20% weekly testing threshold and remain open for in-person learning if the school becomes a Covid-19 “Yellow Zone” school. Positive COVID-19 cases in Oswego County and numerous other counties have been increasing at an accelerated rate, and even though the Health Departments have yet to experience a spread of COVID-19 cases within schools, all school districts in New York State are required to follow the Governor’s “Yellow, Orange, and Red Zone” guidelines. **We just want to be as prepared as possible and not wait until we need parents to make a decision literally overnight to grant us permission to have trained professionals test their children for COVID-19 (if they are in-person learners) if their child’s school is designated as a COVID-19 “Yellow Zone” school.**

The Oswego County Health Department has assured us that the COVID-19 tests that will be used to meet the Governor’s 20% weekly testing threshold **are not** the intrusive swabs that go far up the nose. We were told that they are nasal swabs that barely enter the nostril. **For more information on “Yellow, Orange, Red Zones,” click on the following link:** <https://www.ny1.com/nyc/all-boroughs/coronavirus/2020/11/18/an-explanation-of-new-york-state-micro-cluster-restrictions>

**Please click on the following link and take the extremely brief survey if you have children that currently receive in-person learning in any of our six schools within the District.**

<https://forms.gle/KjfvNQEwkt8bCEZB7>

Like always, if you read this and have any questions, please feel free to call me at work at (315) 668-4220 Ext. 70221 or on my cell phone at (315) 314-1432 and I would be happy to answer your questions.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Colabufo  
Superintendent