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Hello Cicero Elementary School Families and Staff,

The North Syracuse Central School District continues to partner with the Onondaga County Department to ensure our schools are the safest possible places for students and staff. To that end, we will be providing **COVID-19 testing at Cicero Elementary School on Tuesday, May 11, 2021.**

Staff and parents can sign their children up to be tested at Cicero Elementary School on May 11 by clicking here to register. Students/staff that have tested positive in the previous 60 days should be excluded from testing. The registration must be completed in order to participate.

Testing will be conducted by NSCSD nurses using the <u>BinaxNow</u> nasal swab (only collects a sample from the lower part of the nostril) that produces results in about 15 minutes.

A parent or guardian may accompany their child during the testing procedure but will only be allowed in to the school at the child's appointment time and must leave as soon as the sample is taken. Parents/guardians may not wait for test results in the school. Accompanying a child is not a requirement and school staff will be present to offer support to any child undergoing testing. **If you plan to accompany your child, please call the school to let them know.** If your child tests positive, the school nurse will contact you immediately.

Please note the following regarding testing:

- Testing will take place on Tuesday, May 11, 2021.
- There is no requirement for parents to accompany their child to the testing procedure.
- NSCSD nurses will administer the test and employees will be available to help and support students.
- There is no cost associated with this test.
- The testing is only for students who are not showing symptoms. If your student is showing symptoms of COVID-19, please do not sign them up for testing.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued understanding as we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. If you have any questions, please contact the school's main office at 315-218-2500.

Sincerely,

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