

November 12, 2020

Dear North Syracuse Central School District Parents and Guardians:

New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo has announced that sections of Onondaga County, including areas within NSCSD boundaries, are now designated as "Yellow Zone" microclusters.

Microclusters are classified as either yellow, orange or red based on the positive testing rate over seven days. The New York State Department of Health has indicated that the following NSCSD schools are located in yellow zones:

- Allen Road Elementary
- KWS Bear Road Elementary
- Roxboro Road Elementary
- Roxboro Road Middle School
- North Syracuse Junior High School
- North Syracuse Early Education Program (Main Street)

Because "Yellow Zone" schools can only continue operating in-person if they test 20% of students on campus each week and it is necessary for parents to give permission for their child to be tested with a rapid, non-invasive nasal swab we are surveying families to find out if parents would be supportive of having their children tested for COVID-19. The specific COVID-19 test is the BinaxNOW (Antigen Test) that will be performed via a nasal swab and will take approximately 15 minutes for results.

If your child(ren) attend in-person instruction at one or more of the schools affected, please complete <u>this survey</u> for EACH child impacted. Please reply by Friday, November 13.

Sincerely,

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Daniel D. Bowles Superintendent of Schools