



Charlotte Valley Central School

"Empowering Students Today to Conquer the Challenges of Tomorrow"

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Mr. James Harter, Superintendent

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Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

I know it seems impossible that November is here and we have completed the first two months of school. In August, Governor Cuomo established a 9% COVID-19 infection rate that would require school districts to move to remote instruction. Recently, he has modified this guidance with the development of micro clusters which are outbreaks of new COVID-19 cases within a limited and definable geographic area.

It is important to share this information with you in the event that CVCS is located in one of these micro clusters. There are three types of micro clusters (red, orange, and yellow). The percentage for each cluster is calculated based on a 7-day average.

- Red (5.5% infection rate) and Orange (4.5% infection rate) require CVCS to provide remote, at home instruction.
- YELLOW (3.5% infection rate) allows CVCS to remain with in-person learning provided that we perform COVID-19 testing on 20% of students and 20% of staff who are randomly chosen each week.

How would the testing be done during a YELLOW zone for CVCS to continue to provide in-person learning?

NYS Department of Health (DOH) sends rapid testing supplies and equipment to Delaware County DOH who delivers the materials to CVCS.

- CVCS can be open on the day(s) of testing.
- Delaware County DOH does not have the manpower to assist with the testing.
- Bassett Health Zone will conduct the test for students and staff in the school.
- 20% of randomly selected students and staff must be tested each week in order for CVCS to remain open for in-person learning.
- If any student or staff tests positive, he/she will be sent home. The Delaware County DOH is notified and will inform CVCS of our next steps regarding instruction. Delaware County DOH follows up with the contact tracing.

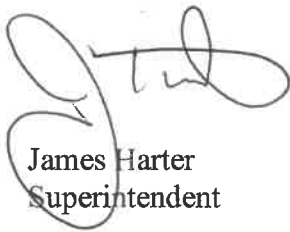
All said, when and if, the Department of Health identifies us as being in a YELLOW zone, **Charlotte Valley Central School will NOT** randomly test 20% of students and 20% of staff in order to provide in-person learning. **We will be moving into a remote model of instruction.** Students would follow their instructional schedule. Should the model of instruction need to

occur for a temporary time, we will be following up with more specifics when and if that time arises.

We want to be proactive in our communication with our parents so you may stay informed. During this time, we must remain flexible because our method of instruction could change on any given day.

CVCS continues to ensure that the established protocols and regular cleaning of the building keep everyone safe and healthy. We all need to continue to make good choices to keep us all safe and healthy. Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Harter', written over a circular stamp or seal.

James Harter
Superintendent