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Background

I have previously shared with you that in the event that the Whitehall Central School District becomes a designated “Yellow Zone”, the district would be required to randomly test 20% of our in-person population to maintain in-person instruction. If the testing results show a positive rate that is lower than the Yellow Zone’s current 7-day positivity rate, testing will no longer be required. However, if the testing results have a higher positivity rate than the current 7-day rate, the district will be required to continue to test 20% of the school population on a bi-weekly basis.

Testing Procedure

*The Whitehall Central School District has contracted with Adirondack Health and Wellness to administer the tests. Included in the agreement, Adirondack Health and Wellness will provide:

- o The required LSL (Limited Service Laboratory) certification;
- o The required CLIA (Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments);
- o The necessary PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for administering the tests;
- o A trained nursing staff to administer the tests; and
- o The NYS approved disposal of utilized test kits

*Throughout the period of testing, the district will:

- o Coordinate with Adirondack Health and Wellness;
- o Collect parental permission for students to be tested;
- o Randomly select the 20% cohort to be tested;
- o Enter the test data in the required state database;
- o Communicate with parents/guardians on the testing procedures, including any results

If the region becomes an “Orange” or “Red” Zone, there are additional testing requirements (frequency of testing) that the district will need to address. I will share that information in the event that the region becomes designated Orange or Red.