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Hello North Syracuse Junior High School families,

As you know, we have been notified by the Onondaga County Department of Health that [some of our schools are within the COVID-19 microcluster yellow zone](#). We were informed today that our school has been selected as COVID-19 surveillance test location. **Testing at North Syracuse Junior High School will take place on Monday, November 23.** We are working to have testing scheduled for Tuesday, November 24 as well.

Parents of students scheduled to be in attendance on Monday will need to register their child(ren) using the following email link: <https://covid19.ongov.net/appointments/schools/>. If you are the parent of a NSJH student that normally attends on Monday and would like to have your child participate, please use the link to sign your child up for testing. Testing is only available for students that are scheduled to be in attendance. The registration must be completed in order to participate.

Testing will be conducted by the Onondaga County Health Department using the [BinaxNow](#) nasal swab (only collects a sample from the lower part of the nostril) that produces results in about 15 minutes. Because a limited number of tests are available, students will only be eligible if they are scheduled to be in attendance on November 23. Weekly testing will continue until the yellow zone designation is removed.

We received a few questions wondering if family members can accompany their child during the testing process. Parents/guardians may accompany their child during the testing procedure only. Parents and guardians will only be allowed in at the child's appointment time and must leave as soon as the sample is taken. Parents/guardians may not wait for test results. Accompanying a child is not a requirement and NJSH staff will be present to offer support to any child undergoing testing.

While we are working on some logistics, this is what we do know:

- Testing will take place on Monday, November 23 in the school's gymnasium
- There is no requirement for parents to accompany your child to the testing procedure.
- The County is administering the test and NSCSD employees will be available to help and support students.
- There is no cost associated with this test.
- The testing is only for asymptomatic students. If your student is showing symptoms of COVID-19, please do not sign them up for testing.

Thank you for your flexibility and patience as this yellow zone surveillance testing is new and evolving.

If you have any questions please contact the North Syracuse Junior High School main office at (315) 218-3600.

Sincerely,

Daniel D. Bowles, Superintendent of Schools