



## FRONTIER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Frontier Families,

As we approach the holiday season and end of this unprecedented year, it is important to provide you with information regarding the plan for return to in person, hybrid instruction for our Frontier students. We have reviewed the COVID testing guidelines for schools to return to in-person instruction in both Orange and Red Zones. We are happy to announce that in-person instruction will resume for hybrid students in Grades Pre-K - 8 on Monday, January 4th (A Day). Frontier High School hybrid students will return to in-person learning on Tuesday, January 19th (B Day). Please note that students will be returning to the learning model that was selected for the first semester. Changes related to the second semester will begin on February 1, 2021.

In order to resume in-person learning in an Orange or Red Zone, schools are required to obtain a license to administer the COVID-19 test on-site. Frontier has received approval for our license and recently received our testing kits. Information regarding the COVID testing for students and staff is as follows:

The BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag card is a rapid antigen test detecting active infections of COVID-19. It is performed by taking a sample from the lower portion of both sides of the nose using a cotton swab. Results are returned in about 15 minutes. This test can help us rapidly identify and stop the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and our community.

Testing must be completed on an ongoing basis for schools in Orange and Red Zones. Orange Zone designation requires 20% of in-person staff, faculty and students to be tested within a one month span. Red Zone designation requires 30% of in-person staff, faculty and students to be tested within the same time frame.

If you have not already done so, please fill out the FCSO Consent for Student Rapid COVID-19 Testing form. The link to complete the consent form is below and can also be found on the district website homepage.

<https://forms.gle/952JzKXHW3pdaBFMA>

Our district is in the process of creating a short video demonstration for you and your children to review. We hope this video, which will be posted to our website in the next few days, will demonstrate to you the ease of the test and how it will be administered by trained nurses.

We realize that many parents have questions about the details of the testing process. To help answer some of your questions, we have put together an FAQ document which can be viewed with the link below.

<https://www.frontiercsd.org/Domain/867>

Our teachers and staff are looking forward to welcoming our students back to school and resuming the in-person hybrid model of instruction. Of course, the safety of our students and staff continues to be our top priority. Our schools will continue to implement all of the health and safety procedures we had in place prior to our recent closure, including wearing masks, social distancing and frequent hand washing and sanitizing. In addition, we will continue to post COVID updates on our website and social media platforms. Please refer to the links below for the most current guidance and information:

**ECDOH Updated School Guidance**

<https://www2.erie.gov/health/sites/www2.erie.gov.health/files/uploads/pdfs/ECCOVID19schoolguidance.pdf>

**ECDOH Q&A for Schools**

<https://www2.erie.gov/health/sites/www2.erie.gov.health/files/uploads/pdfs/ECCOVID19SchoolGuidanceFAQs.pdf>

**NYS Testing Protocols for Schools to Reopen**

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/12/guidancefor-schoolsinredandorangezones.pdf>

As you are aware, this process is fluid and ever-changing. We appreciate your flexibility moving forward. I sincerely thank you for your support and patience. If you have any questions, please reach out to your building principal. Thank you for your assistance in reopening Frontier for in-person instruction.

Sincerely,

*Colleen Duggan*

Acting Superintendent / Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction