

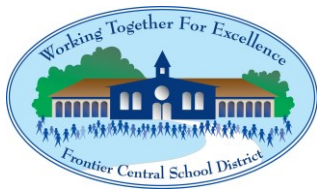
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Dear Frontier Families,

On Monday, Governor Cuomo announced changes to the Orange and Red Zone designations as it relates to testing guidance for schools. While he did mention required set testing percentages over a month time span, we are still waiting for essential details from the Governor's office and the NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH).

As we wait for the additional guidance, Frontier has been busy getting ready to provide testing to our students, staff and faculty. At last night's Board of Education Meeting, contracts were approved to help in this effort. Our partnership with Mobile Primary Care is now greater as this allows us to apply for a Limited Service Laboratory Registration (LSL) with NYSDOH. The LSL application permits us to order the free tests from NYS.

A video about the BinaxNow test can be viewed at the following link <https://www.globalpointofcare.abbott/en/support/product-installation-training/navica-brand/navica-binaxnow-ag-training.html> The swab for the test is only inserted into the opening of the nose as opposed to the much more invasive test into the pharynx. A trained medical professional will administer tests with positive results reported to Erie County Department of Health. All health data is maintained in compliance with privacy laws. A consent form with a Google form link will be sent to all parents in two different ways. We will send the link through email and as a hard copy through regular mail. The sooner we have responses, the better we will be able to plan and confirm our testing protocol.

We have not yet decided on when we will return for hybrid learning. Testing is only one factor, as the growing number of positive cases in our community combined with additional quarantine restrictions for close contacts will impact our ability to for in-person learning. Let's continue to do everything we can over the holiday season to decrease the positivity rate by wearing masks and social distancing.

Yours in Blue,

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