

December 23, 2020

Dear Cantalician Families/Caregivers:

I hope this letter finds you well. I have some exciting news! Students will return for hybrid learning at Cantalician Center for Learning (CCL) beginning on *Monday, January 11, 2021*. With "Group A" returning on Monday and Tuesday and "Group B" returning on Thursday and Friday. Your school district or county transportation department has been notified. At this time, Wednesday will continue to remain as a day for cleaning and sanitizing classrooms as well as a day for educators to prepare lessons for students who wish to remain in a virtual learning model.

Please know we are staying on top of all of the information and guidance from New York State and are hopeful students can return to 5-day a week in-person instruction very soon.

As I reported to you at the beginning of the month, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced changes to the testing requirements for schools to remain open while in a designated yellow, orange, or red zone. In a yellow zone, we will be required to test 20% of the school community for a two-week period. However, if those test results have a lower positivity rate than the current 7-day average across our cluster zone, the school can stop testing. In an orange zone, we will be required to test 20% of the school community over a one-month period. In a red zone, we will be required to test 30% of the school community over a one-month period.

Therefore, testing of students will occur on Wednesdays with the first test date being *January 13*, **2021**. Please review the attached information regarding testing procedures.

Also, you are invited to attend a Parent/Caregiver Student Testing Zoom Information Meeting. This presentation provides all of the procedural details related to testing. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, *January 5, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.* via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 873 1763 7657 Call-in #:1-929-205-6099

As always, I appreciate your time, patience, and partnership with us. If you have any questions, please email CovidResponse@Cantalician.org and we will be sure to get back to you promptly.

Wishing you a very happy holiday,

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