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Greetings Little Flower Parents, Guardians, and Community,

With the rise of positive COVID-19 cases in Suffolk County, the Suffolk County Department of Health has asked all school districts to share critical information with its stakeholders. Please see below:

Over the past week, Suffolk County has seen an alarming spike in new COVID-19 cases. As we look towards the holiday season, it will be up to all of us to protect one another.

Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone and Suffolk County Department of Health Commissioner, Dr. Gregson Pigott, urge you to share this important message with your community. Below please find guidance and information on testing locations in Suffolk for distribution via social media, email, flyers, your organization's homepage, etc., all of which will help remind our community to stay vigilant in the fight against COVID-19.

As always, thank you for your continued efforts in educating the public and providing vital resources to ensure public safety. Any questions and concerns from residents can be directed to Suffolk County 311 where a representative is available Monday-Friday 9am-6pm and Saturday-Sunday 10am-4pm.

A message from the Suffolk County Department of Health Commissioner, Dr. Gregson Pigott:

[English version](#)
[Spanish version](#)

Suffolk County COVID-19 Testing Sites ([Weblink](#))

Additionally, there is the possibility of Suffolk County, or smaller "micro-clusters" as described by Governor Cuomo [here](#) and [here](#) as part of NYS Cluster Action Initiative, to be designated as a high-incidence zone and color-coded accordingly as yellow, orange, or red based on test positivity data.

In the event an area which Little Flower resides in is designated a yellow zone, the District would be required to participate in a COVID-19 [testing program](#) in which 20% of students and staff would need to be randomly tested within two weeks of the designation and have a positivity rate of *less than* that of the cluster average in order to remain open for in-person learning.

The District and agency have initiated discussions on testing logistics should this become a reality. We are confident that, given the amazing response to the [Reopening Plan](#) by our students and staff, our testing data would enable us to remain open for in-person learning.

Should testing become a requirement, we would provide a consent to test letter to parents/guardians for your child, and students and staff would be randomly selected and tested using a non-invasive rapid swab test either on-site or in partnership with a local lab site.

As additional information becomes available, it will be shared accordingly through the District COVID-19 web page. In the event information needed to be shared more immediately, the Calling Post system would be utilized. At this time, there is no action to take as there is no zone designation for our surrounding area. Please continue to practice all health and safety protocols proven to prevent the spread of communicable illnesses.

Thank you for your continued support and anticipated cooperation, and stay healthy and safe.