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Dear Cleveland Hill School Community,

I want to give you an update on some of the COVID-19 testing, quarantine and reporting issues that we are all experiencing.

First, I would like to thank all of our parents for continuing their diligent application of the daily Health Screening Questionnaire. Your effort in this is a vital component to keeping schools open and safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please call our Health Office at 836-7200 ext. 8512.

We learned late last week that the county does not have rapid COVID-19 testing capabilities to support students or staff who may be experiencing COVID like symptoms. This is causing students to be out of school for a few days while waiting for their test results to arrive. I have also been told that some parents are selecting testing sites that are charging for the test. The Erie County website can be a bit confusing, and does include options that we cannot accept like home administered tests. You may be better served by calling the Erie County Department of Health at 858-2929. Be sure to ask any testing center you call about any potential charges prior to making the appointment. We suggest that you consider looking to Rite Aid Pharmacy for your testing option. They provide free testing. Use the following link to create an account and schedule your test. <https://www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/services/covid-19-testing>

We have received a couple communications inquiring about our COVID-19 infection and quarantine numbers here in district. Last week the NYSDOH opened up their reporting site for us. Daily we update this information with all of the COVID-19 information from each of our schools. You will find a link to this site on our website at our COVID Reopening tab or by clicking on this link, <https://www.clevehill.org/reopen>. When we checked this morning, the site was being worked on and not available. We have been told that it should be up soon.

That said, since September 1, 2021, we have had two positive cases here on campus (1 staff, 1 student). These two positive cases have resulted in four individuals being placed in quarantine by the ECDOH. We have found no evidence of transmission of COVID-19 here on campus.

We thank you again for your patience and support throughout these challenging times.

Best regards,

Mr. Jon MacSwan
Superintendent