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Dear St. John the Baptist Families,

Our school is now in a “Yellow” Zone. It is possible that we could remain in the “Yellow” Zone designation for a few weeks or be moved to an “ Orange” Zone destination. As I have been working through this process I was able to streamline the protocols for both zones. Please read through the following information carefully.

Yellow Zone Updates:

We are able to test our students on site thanks to a newly created partnership with Ryan LaVarnway and the Attica Pharmacy. This partnership has allowed us to fast track our request for test kits and mitigates our cost. We are using the Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test. This test uses a nasal swab that is inserted no more than 1 inch into each nostril. It is not as invasive, and should offer no more than mild discomfort. The following is a link for a video explaining the test collection process.
<https://www.globalpointofcare.abbott/en/product-details/navica-binaxnow-covid-19-us.html>

These tests will be administered to staff and students at no cost to the individual testing or to the school and results are available within 15 minutes. I will contact those families that have volunteered to be part of our needed 20% test group and let you know when and where to bring your child for their test.

Orange Zone Protocol:

Based on the feedback from the Parent Survey and Staff Survey there is a clear desire for us to remain open for In Person Instruction. In order for us to remain open **every person** (staff and students) that plans to be present on the campus must complete a COVID-19 test. These tests will be the same test that are outlined in the Yellow Zone section. They will be done at the school and at no cost to the individuals or the school. Upon completion of the initial test, a random population of 25% will need to be tested the following week.

At this time, any family that refuses to participate in the initial testing will continue instruction using our Virtual format. I will contact any family that selected “ NO” on this survey question to provide information on how to make the switch to virtual learning.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jonna Johnson, Principal

