



SUMMIT ACADEMY
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Dear Summit Academy Parents and Caregivers,

On Monday, November 30, Governor Cuomo announced a new strategy to manage the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic in New York State. This new strategy includes a change in the testing requirements for schools to remain open while in a designated orange or red zone.

Going forward, Summit will be required to test 20% of in-person staff and students over a one-month period while in an orange zone and 30% of in-person staff and students while in a red zone. This will reduce the overall number of tests we're required to administer and make it easier to keep schools open.

However, many unanswered questions remain. We are awaiting additional guidance about these changes from the New York State Department of Health and the Erie County Department of Health. In the meantime, we are continuing to work on acquiring test kits, gathering test consents from parents/guardians, and developing a process to conduct the required random testing.

While this is good news, it's important to remember that Covid-19 is spreading rapidly throughout our region. This is of great concern to us as we work to balance everyone's health and safety with the needs of our students. **Given the testing requirements and associated processes that must be put in place, we expect to continue with virtual instruction through at least January 11.**

Please continue to do your part to slow the spread of Covid-19 in our community by wearing a mask, maintaining social distance, and washing your hands.

We will continue to keep you informed and appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

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