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Dear Families:

As has been reported in the media, New York State has made thousands of at-home COVID-19 test kits available to schools statewide.

The purpose of these tests is to monitor the spread of COVID-19 within our community as part of the ongoing effort to keep our school buildings open for in-person instruction. Tests can be utilized whether or not a student is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

State and local health officials are providing these tests as a resource to schools and families. Each student has received and is bringing home one test kit containing two tests. ***We strongly suggest that parents conduct one of these tests on their child(ren) prior to sending them to school on the morning of Monday, January 10th.*** You may utilize the second test at your discretion (for example, if your child begins showing symptoms of COVID-19).

Please note that any positive test results from an at-home test must be reported to the local health department and to your school nurse. You do not need to report test results obtained elsewhere, and you do not need to report negative test results.

To report your results, fill out the [online form](#) found on the [St. Lawrence County Public Health Department \(SLCPHD\) website](#). For additional information on reporting positive at-home test results, please see the attached document from St. Lawrence County Public Health.

Please remember that if your child has a symptom of COVID-19, they should be tested at home using a rapid test, or at a clinic, doctor's office, or a testing site. Anyone with a positive test result should isolate and contact St. Lawrence County Public Health. For more information on testing, quarantine and isolation please visit <https://www.stlawco.org/Departments/PublicHealth/COVID-19>.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work to keep our students in school. If you have any questions or concerns about COVID-19 testing or other health and safety protocols, please do not hesitate to call your child's school nurse.

Sincerely,

Jacquelyn L. Kelly