



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Office of the
Superintendent

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Dear Families,

In our ever-changing Covid world, in order to be in compliance with the new mandates found in the Interim NYSDOH Guidance For Classroom Instruction in P-12 Schools During the 2021-2022 Academic Year, any unvaccinated: faculty, staff, outside contractors, **volunteers, or individuals working inside of the school building while students are present**, must now be fully vaccinated or tested weekly for COVID-19. Students are not required to undergo surveillance testing.

These mandates are universal among public and private schools in New York State. Beginning this week, schools will be developing internal record keeping monitoring vaccination status to determine who is required by New York State to be tested weekly for COVID-19. Everyone working or volunteering in the school while students are present will be required to present proof of vaccination status or a negative COVID test result from within the past week.

In an effort to provide easier access to screening or diagnostic testing for anyone required to test weekly or who would like the opportunity to receive diagnostic testing outside of a healthcare facility, we will be opening PCR testing sites exclusively to DRVC affiliated schools, faculty, staff, and students. These sites are not mandatory for testing, however any unvaccinated worker in a DRVC school will be required to submit proof of negative test results on a weekly basis. Individual schools will be establishing a system for submitting weekly COVID test results.

The testing will be provided by trained medical providers at ATC Healthcare Services and managed by Perrotta Consulting. Testing will be available beginning Tuesday, September 21st from 4pm - 7pm at Chaminade High School and St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School and expanded to other locations as needed. The cost for testing will be \$15/test and we ask that anyone who wishes to participate in the testing fill out the following form <https://tiny.prophasedx.com/Atcperrottaconsultants>.

Please continue to bear with us as we work to continue to provide the same safe educational environment you are accustomed to amidst the ongoing pandemic, and while we continue to navigate ever changing government guidelines.

Sincerely,

Dr. Denise T. Smith
Interim Superintendent