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Dear Parents/Guardians/Faculty/Staff:

Below is information regarding COVID testing during the 2021-22 school year:

- Tully Schools will be partnering with the Onondaga County Health Department to conduct COVID testing in our schools, beginning in September.
- This testing will be done for three purposes: surveillance testing intended to determine the general level of virus in our community; diagnostic testing for those with COVID-like symptoms; required testing for unvaccinated school employees.
- Parents/guardians who wish to have their students participate in this testing must complete a COVID testing consent form. This consent form covers testing for the entire 2021-22 school year. Completed consent forms should be returned to the appropriate school nurse's office. Here is a link to this form: [COVID Testing Consent Form](#)
- Please note there are three options on the consent form: surveillance testing only, or diagnostic testing only, or both surveillance and diagnostic testing.
- Along with completing this consent form, those participating in this testing must create a personal account with Quadrant Laboratories. COVID testing results will be communicated via this personal account. Here is a link to the Quadrant Laboratories website where you can create an account: [Quadrant Registration Portal](#)
- The tests being used are saliva based PCR tests. Please note that the surveillance testing will be done via pool testing. Positive pool results will lead to short-term quarantine (typically 24-48 hours), until individual test results are processed in order to determine specifically who within the initial pool is positive for COVID.
- This testing is at no cost to you, however, it will be billed through insurance if your child is tested as required by the Federal CARES Act.

Additional information regarding COVID testing in our schools will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

*Robert J. Hughes*

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