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Dear Parents/Guardians/Faculty/Staff:

Below is some important information regarding COVID testing at Tully Schools:

- Tully Schools is partnering with the Onondaga County Health Department to offer ongoing surveillance testing for COVID-19. This testing is available for all students, faculty and staff.
- Please note that going forward, positive pool testing results **will not** lead to any quarantines; however, specific individuals within the pools who are positive for COVID-19 will be placed in isolation. This is an important change to this surveillance testing process. This surveillance testing process will help contain the spread of COVID-19 in our school community.
- We are also able to conduct diagnostic COVID-19 testing for students, faculty and staff who develop COVID-like symptoms during the school day. For many members of our school community, this school based diagnostic COVID testing may prove to be very convenient.
- Both surveillance and diagnostic COVID-19 tests are administered by our school nurses. These are saliva-based PCR tests. Typically test results will be available within 24-36 hours.
- Parents/guardians who wish to have their students participate in either surveillance or diagnostic 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](#)
- 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](#)
- We do anticipate partnering with the Onondaga County Health Department to offer vaccination clinics for our students. I will share additional information on this topic as soon as it is available.

Enjoy the weekend.

Sincerely,
Robert J. Hughes
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Superintendent of Schools