

October 7, 2020

Dear Families,

You have done an incredible job fighting COVID-19 since March. However, as you likely are aware, some areas of the city have been experiencing elevated rates of COVID-19 transmission. Out of an abundance of caution, we are closing all school buildings in those geographic areas.

While your child's school is not located in one of these areas, it is in an area of concern. Therefore, we are carefully monitoring activity in your child's school. Additionally, we are working in partnership with the State to implement weekly COVID-19 testing for a random sample of students and staff in your child's school building. This testing will begin next week. We will continue to proactively communicate any additional steps that may be necessary to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

But it's up to all of us, no matter where we are, to continue to take the steps we know are so important in preventing the spread of this virus. Remember the "Core Four": wash your hands, wear a face covering, keep six feet of distance from others, and stay home if you're feeling sick. These are critically important steps that all of us can take every day.

The health and safety of your families and everyone in your school community is our top priority, and we have pledged to keep it at the forefront of everything we do. I know that working together, we can continue to effectively fight back against COVID-19.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's school with any questions or concerns. You can find information about your child's school, including principal contact information, on our website using "Find a School" at [schoolsearch.schools.nyc](https://schoolsearch.schools.nyc).

As always, we are committed to academic excellence for your child—no matter where they are learning. And we will continue to support you and everyone in the DOE family as this public health crisis continues to evolve.

Sincerely,



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