

Floral Park-Bellerose School District
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Dear Parents,

In the event the Floral Park-Bellerose School District is identified as part of a Micro-cluster in the Yellow, Orange or Red Zones, our District will be required to test 20% (yellow zone) of our students and staff. For more information on the New York State Micro-cluster Strategy or other COVID-19 related issues, please click here: [New York State Micro-Cluster Strategy](#).

If we are identified in one of the Micro-cluster Zones, and in the spirit of being proactive, we are asking if you would be willing to have your child COVID tested at their school. The Floral Park-Bellerose School District has entered into an agreement with the ATC Healthcare Testing and Screening Agency in the event we are required to COVID test. We are working on a schedule to have testing available before and after school and possibly on Saturdays for parents that want to accompany their child. All other testing will be completed during the school day. Trained professionals from ATC Healthcare will administer the PCR nasal swab tests, and the samples will be processed in a laboratory within 3-5 days. Parents will receive a letter from ATC Healthcare with their results. PCR tests are considered the “gold standard” in the diagnosis of COVID-19. There will be no cost for the testing. Parents should be prepared to share insurance information. If you do not have insurance, the agency will bill the CARES ACT with your child’s social security number.

If the district is identified as a Micro-cluster Zone, a follow-up email will be sent to you with further information that will include parent consent and HIPAA forms. There will also be an option available to take your child to your family physician as long as it falls within the required two-week time frame after being designated a testing zone. You would then provide us with those results.

We are asking all families to please fill out the survey <https://forms.gle/WT5B5neF8i5ULK6j7> by Friday, December 18th. We appreciate your response and cooperation in advance. By being proactive and working together, we will seamlessly get through this difficult time while we make every effort to keep our schools open.

With gratitude and thanks,

Dr. Kathleen Sottile
Superintendent of Schools