



CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to acknowledge how great our God is that we are in our third month of in-person instruction and we have had “0” cases to report to the New York State Health Department. In order to make sure that our students, as well as our staff, remain safe and healthy, CCS has implemented all of the necessary precautions given by the CDC. For that reason, I was perplexed when the State of New York and the Department of Health served me with a summons which states that CCS has to conduct random COVID testing of 20% of our students, teachers, and staff, or else risk being closed down. This, according to them, has to be done on a weekly basis.

I have written numerous emails to the New York State Health Department trying to dispute this; however, it has been to no avail. It does not matter that we have had “0” cases within our school, what matters as per the NYSHD, is that we are a school located in the “yellow zone.”

Students, teachers, and staff members will be chosen randomly each week to take a COVID test. A letter will go home every week to the parents of the students that were chosen randomly. We ask that you take your child to a location of your choice to have the test administered and supply the school with a letter indicating the test results.

Please note, it is not Cornerstone Christian School’s desire for this to be done; it is being imposed on us by the New York State Department of Health who is following Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order 202.68. The Executive Order 202.68 reads as follows:

Order 202.68 On October 9, 2020, the Department of Health published Interim Guidance on Mandatory COVID-19 testing in public and non-public schools located in areas designated as “Yellow Zones” under the New York state cluster action initiative (hereinafter “Interim Guidance”). This interim guidance requires that schools open to in-person instruction in yellow zones conduct random surveillance testing for 20% of their students, staff and teachers at least once a week,

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for the entirety of time the school remains in the yellow zone beginning on October 16, 2020.

I ask that we all work together so that CCS can continue to offer our students a safe and healthy environment where they can develop their biblical and academic skills; as well as socialize with their peers.

Philippians 4:6 NLT reminds us, “Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done.”

If you should have any questions, please feel free to call us at the above telephone number or email us at ccsoffice@ccsny.org.

In His Service,

Jeannette Rosa-Sanchez, MS, LMSW
School Administrator

Children... showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the King’s palace.” Daniel 1:4 NIV