

VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICTS 13, 24, 30 & CHSD  
Valley Stream, New York

November 23, 2020

Dear Valley Stream Community,

For the past several weeks, we have unfortunately continued to see the rise of COVID-19 cases across Nassau County. The positivity rate in recent days has been over 3% and the seven-day average for the positivity rate over the past week has been over 2.5%. As a result, the New York State Department of Health and Governor Cuomo will likely designate parts of our region into Yellow Zones, Orange Zones or Red Zones in the near future.

These designations can have a significant impact on schools that can include precautionary closures, required closures and required COVID-19 testing of students and staff. The zones are based on a 10-day rolling average of positive COVID-19 testing results in each specific geographic (zip code) area. The NYS Department of Health determines our status based on how our entire community is faring, not just the number of cases connected to our schools. At the present time, Valley Stream is among the higher areas for positive cases, but our area does not fall into any of the micro-cluster zones. We are exploring the capacity and feasibility in our region with regard to testing of staff and students as mentioned in the New York State Department of Health guidelines should that become required.

Despite all of this, we have had great success limiting the spread of COVID-19 within our schools. Our schools are a safe place for our students and staff with all the precautions that we have put in place, such as cleaning and disinfecting protocols, mask wearing, social distancing, hand hygiene and using precautionary quarantines. We would like to thank our entire school community for the efforts that have been made to keep our students thriving in school.

The news of these potential designations is disappointing to all of us. We will continue to monitor this situation closely and will do everything possible to keep our students safe. As always, we will keep you updated as more information becomes available.

Sincerely,

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Valley Stream 24

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Valley Stream 30

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