

Berlin

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Stephen Young, PhD, Superintendent of Schools

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The school has been designated a (yellow, orange, or red zone). In order to hold in-person teaching, The Governor's Cluster Action Initiative and the New York State Department of Health require schools providing in-person instruction to test specific percentages of in-person students, teachers, and staff for SARS-CoV-2, the virus which causes COVID-19.

This letter is to inform you that your child was tested for COVID-19 today using the BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card (rapid antigen test). We are happy to let you know that your child's test was **NEGATIVE**, meaning that proteins from the virus that causes COVID-19 were not found in your child's sample. Your child's test results will be reported to the New York State Electronic Clinical Laboratory Results System (ECLRS) as required by the New York State Department of Health. Your child's test results will be kept confidential.

Students, faculty and staff were selected randomly for testing. While we understand that you may want additional details, we cannot, for confidentiality reasons, disclose other information about who was tested.

In the event a student, faculty, or staff member tested positive for COVID-19, that person was isolated and sent home along with any close contacts. Rensselaer County Department of Health was notified and the district followed their guidance and contact tracing began. Those determined to be in direct contact will be quarantined. We will continue to follow safety procedures as outlined in the district's reopening plan. District families will be notified of any positive case through the usual notification processes.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 518-658-1500 ext 1061 during normal school hours. Or I can be reached by email at mcorsey@berlincentral.org after hours or during the weekend.

Sincerely,

Michele Corsey, RN
School Nurse
COVID-19 Resource Coordinator