

New Hartford Central School District
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Dear New Hartford School Community:

Recently, Governor Cuomo issued an Executive Order that the State Department of Health will be responsible for classifying areas with clusters of COVID-19 infections into one of three categories. These categories (yellow, orange, and red) will each have restrictions of activity. For our region, the targets for each category are:

TARGET METRIC FOR ENTERING YELLOW PRECAUTIONARY ZONE	TARGET METRIC FOR ENTERING ORANGE WARNING ZONE	TARGET METRIC FOR ENTERING RED ZONE
<p>Geographic area has 7-day rolling average positivity above 3% for 10 days.</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p>Geographic area has 12 or more new daily cases per 100,000 residents on 7-day average.</p>	<p>Geographic area has 7-day rolling average positivity above 4% for 10 days.</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p>Geographic area has 12 or more new daily cases per 100,000 residents on 7-day average.</p>	<p>Geographic area has 7-day rolling average positivity above 5% for 10 days.</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p>Geographic area has 12 or more new daily cases per 100,000 residents on 7-day average.</p>

On November 3, 2020 Oneida County had a 0.9 % positivity rate and you may track it on the Oneida County [COVID-19 Dashboard](#). If a region fits any of the categories listed above, schools may remain open as long as a certain percentage of in-person students and staff are randomly tested at least once a week. To view specific details please see this [guidance](#) as well as recent [state information](#). We are working with local health care partners to make arrangements for testing if and when necessary.

In the meantime, as the cold and flu season approaches, we continue to encourage everyone to remain vigilant with regard to social distancing, masking, limiting gatherings, symptom monitoring, and hygiene (respiratory and hand washing).

We also know that many of us plan to travel during the upcoming holiday season. Please continue to think carefully about traveling to other states and its impact on all of us, and consider recent [travel advisory information](#). In the event that you choose to travel, please inform your building principal in advance so the district may plan accordingly.

Throughout this pandemic, our district has made decisions that balance educational best practices with the safety and well-being of our students. Our long-term goal has been to safely return as many students back to our campuses for in-person instruction as possible. As we all know, in-person instruction is vital. However, if public health concerns dictate that we return to the fully remote learning model that we began the year with, we will be ready to do so.

I sincerely thank you for your anticipated cooperation during this challenging era.

Respectfully,

Robert J. Nole

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Superintendent of Schools