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Dear Moravia Families,

Earlier today, we received an allotment of COVID-19 rapid tests kits from the New York State Department of Health. This strategy is part of New York State's plan to keep children in school as the latest wave of positive cases impacts communities throughout the state.

We ask that any families interested in tests contact their school nurse by no later than noon, Tuesday, January 4th. Kits will go home in student backpacks this week.

The tests we received boost our supply and will allow us to continue COVID-19 testing at school. Students, with parental consent, are able to get tested by our school nurses. We will continue to provide these testing opportunities for students and staff as long as we have testing supplies. If you are interested in having your child tested at school, please reach out to one of our school nurses.

Elementary School – Ms. Paige Becker pbecker@moraviaschool.org Middle/High School – Mrs. Jerrica Schillawski jschillawski@moraviaschool.org

Please keep in mind, any positive at-home antigen test is a positive result for COVID and should be reported to the Cayuga County Health Department. The positive at home test kit results can be sent to: covidtest@cayugacounty.us. The Cayuga County Health Department will need a picture of the test result with the following information written on the actual test kit or on a piece of paper:

- Name
- DOB
- Date of test
- Phone Number to Contact

In the unfortunate event that any of your children test positive, we ask that you also contact your student's school nurse for further guidance. There is no need to provide a negative test result at this time.

We will continue to monitor staff coverage issues in the district, and will assess the situation each day. While it is the last resort, we will inform everyone as soon as possible if we do need to go remote.

If we can keep only some students in-person, the priority will be on keeping Pre-K through 8th grade in school. All BOCES programs will continue to run, as well as transportation and food service even if grades 9 through 12 are virtual.

We hope everyone continues to remain safe and healthy.

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