



Central Park East I Elementary School

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December 6, 2021

Dear Families,

We had two positive cases connected to Sarah's class, which will be learning remotely all week. This comes during a month when COVID cases are rising in New York City public schools, from about 100 to 400 each day. We have to stay careful with the virus.

First, please keep testing your child regularly. Do not rely on NYCDOE testing alone. Each week, the city tests only three children per class, and none from pre-K. CPE1 has extra COVID testing every Tuesday, from 8:00 to 8:30, right in front of the school. It's quick and free for children *and* adults. We need frequent testing to detect and protect.

Second, please keep your children masked around school. Children wear their masks when they play in our school yard. Please keep them masked on the sidewalk before and after school.

Third, if your child will travel internationally this vacation, prepare to quarantine. Schools in New York State follow [guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control](#). If your family leaves the USA during the December vacation, your child must have a second dose of the vaccine two weeks before you leave. Otherwise, your child is asked to quarantine seven days at home before coming back to school.

It's frustrating that this virus keeps affecting children and school, and hard to stay patient. I appreciate all the extra steps our families are taking to keep each other safe.

Gabriel