

# ALCS COVID-19 Testing Information

Information will be updated as changes are made to the mandatory Red, Orange, and Yellow Zone testing requirements as per New York State Governor and Department of Health



Information is accurate as of 12/15/2020

# Red, Orange, and Yellow Zone Testing Requirements

- ▶ **Red** Zones - Schools in red zones must test 30% of students and employees over a month, spread evenly across bi-weekly periods.
- ▶ **Orange** Zones - Schools in orange zones must test 20% of students and employees over a month, with testing spread evenly across the weeks.
- ▶ **Yellow** Zones - Schools in yellow zones must test 20% of in-person students and faculty over a two-week period. If testing results are lower than current Yellow Zone's 7-day positive rate, further testing is not required.



# ALCS COVID-19 Testing Permission Form

- ▶ The ALCS District COVID-19 Testing Permission Form was mailed to all families in mid-November. The form is also available on our website at [www.alcsny.org](http://www.alcsny.org) on the front page of the website.
- ▶ As per NYS DOH requirements, if we enter a Yellow Zone designation, we will be required to conduct testing of 20% of in-person students and faculty over a two-week period.
- ▶ Current enrollment numbers as of *December 15, 2020* are as follows:

	Students (in-person) instruction	Faculty
Allegany-Limestone Elementary School	475	77
Allegany-Limestone Middle-High School	599	84

- ▶ As of *December 15, 2020*, we have received back **399** permission slips.
  - ▶ 179 for ALES students and
  - ▶ 220 for ALMHS students.



# ALCS Testing Options - As provided by NYS DOH on 12/4/2020



- ▶ To ensure that students, faculty and staff have been tested for COVID-19, schools have the following options:
  - ▶ Schools can accept written test results from healthcare providers;
  - ▶ Schools can have students, faculty, and/or staff go to a test site run by New York State to have specimens collected for testing;
  - ▶ Schools can establish partnerships with other entities who are authorized to perform testing to have their students, faculty, and staff tested;
  - ▶ Schools that currently have a limited-service laboratory (LSL) registration can add COVID-19 antigen testing to their existing LSL registration, request to receive rapid tests from the state and perform testing on their students, faculty, and staff;
  - ▶ Schools can utilize pooled testing. However, pooled testing must be conducted by a laboratory that is approved to conduct diagnostic pooled testing so that individuals receive their test results and they can be reported to the state.

# ALCS Testing Protocols

- ▶ Protocols will be developed in collaboration with the Cattaraugus County Department of Health and ALCS District Administrators.
- ▶ What we do know is that the County is looking to provide a mobile lab. Testing could be completed either at a testing site or through the mobile lab.
- ▶ The District will provide the following, as per current guidance from the DOH:
  - ▶ A room in school
  - ▶ 4-6 people from in house to assist.

**More specific information will be provided should we move into Yellow Zone Designation and additional protocols are provided by the DOH.**