

# AUTISM SERVICES, INC.



November 13, 2020

Dear Parents, Families, and Caregivers,

As you are aware, much of Erie County, including both of our school buildings, were placed in the state's Yellow Micro-Cluster Zone. With this designation, schools have the option to either: (1) to go fully remote with all instruction or (2) to remain open while providing mandatory weekly testing of 20% of our in-person students, teachers, and staff.

However, we have not received any testing kits, nor do we have the necessary guidance from the Department of Health to implement this testing requirement. Therefore, we will pivot to entirely virtual instruction as of 11/16/20. This change remains in effect until further notice. Additionally, the after school program will be suspended until further notice.

We are continuing to seek additional guidance and COVID-19 rapid test kits from the New York State Department of Health. Our goal will be to implement a weekly testing procedure that will allow our schools to resume in-person instruction under our hybrid schedule as soon as possible. You can expect more communication in the time ahead regarding our testing procedures

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us for more information.

Sincerely,

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