



St. Mary's School for the Deaf is committed to providing equitable access to exemplary educational programs that prepare deaf students to be self-directed, lifelong learners, who are productive members of society.

November 10, 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers:

The health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority. With that in mind, the purpose of this letter is to inform you that due to a recent confirmed case at our school, all St. Mary's students will begin a full remote model of instruction beginning Thursday, November 12th and continue through Wednesday, November 25th. We are closed Thursday, 11/26 and Friday 11/26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

In addition, as of today, our area is in the Yellow Zone which will soon involve mandatory weekly testing of students and staff to remain open for in-person instruction. We are waiting on NYSED guidance expected tomorrow to move forward and will continue to keep you informed.

If you have questions regarding the information in this letter, please do not hesitate to either one of us, or SMSD's Safety Coordinator, Richard Szafrank (at (716) 834-7200 Ext. 169 or richards@smsdk12.org).

Sincerely,

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