

## Preparations Post Thanksgiving (Covid Email #15)

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Dear BJP Community,

Tomorrow, Wednesday, November 25th, marks the 14th day since the staff member who tested positive for Covid-19 last Monday was last in the building. We continue to monitor our community for signs of spread and other positive cases, which there have been zero. The staff member will return after all quarantine is fulfilled, no symptoms remain, and a negative PCR test is recorded.

While we are nearly clear of our increased awareness of a possible spread, the rate within all of NYC remains above 3%.

There are rumors that the governor will declare all of NYC an Orange Zone soon, requiring all public and private schools to close. While there are options to be open while in an Orange Zone, it takes quarantines and negative tests by everyone in the building.

Additionally, BJP's Covid coordinating team is reviewing the situation in our city and community to determine if we need to act before the governor makes such a determination.

**To be prepared for such a situation, we are sending students home with all their books and supplies over the next two days** (whatever fits in the backpack tonight and the rest tomorrow). Please bring an extra bag on Wednesday.

This is just to be prepared in case we do have to go virtual with BJP@Home on Monday. If so, you will be emailed again. If not and the building remains open, students will simply bring their books back on Monday after Thanksgiving break and continue learning in-person.

I pray that you have a safe Thanksgiving with those you live with, remembering that while we love all that each person we add to the table adds exponentially to the possibility of spread even if they are family.

Please have a safe and restful weekend, and let me know if you have any questions..



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