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Today's Covid News (#14)

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Hello Parents and Students,

You may have seen in the news that NYC public schools have been told to plan ahead for a possible switch to remote learning. That is because the 7 day infection rate average is nearing 3%, which the city put as their threshold for public schools.

As a reminder, BJP is overseen by NY State, not the city. NY state's threshold is 5%. Therefore, BJP will remain open even if public schools close. Unless the governor changes the state threshold.

We continue to do all we can to mitigate the spread of the virus by keeping windows open (individual room heating units have been turned on as the boiler is fixed), wearing masks, health screenings, doctor's notes when absent, and twice a day room sanitization.

BJP is no longer in a yellow zone, so Covid testing is not required. We continue to plan for testing when/if we return to a yellow zone. The holdup was that the lab we selected from the state's approved list was suddenly removed. Through our representatives at the state offices they were made aware that 1) that's not helpful to be removing labs at random from lists they approved for us and 2) we did not complete testing due to their failure to maintain resources. You will receive a consent form as we work it all out for future testing, but the immediacy is not as urgent any longer.

If you ever have any questions please let me know and if things change with the percent threshold for closing from the governor's office I will keep you up-to-date.

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