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Dear Superintendents and BOCES Directors,

I hope you are hanging in there amid the Omicron surge. I know that it is greatly impacting your staff capacity right now. And I know it is a lot to deal with!

I wanted to send you a quick note on upcoming COVID Testing programs.

From our call over the holidays, we know that many of you wanted more information about at-home test kits and possible “test to stay” programs. CDPHE is working to get these programs underway. I realize it is later than any of us want—but with test kit shortages, the requirement of CDC approval, and CDPHE staffing—it is taking CDPHE some time. I certainly understand the constraints they are under.

I do want you to know that they heard you—they know that many of you want as many at-home tests as possible and several districts want to do a more formal “test to stay” program.

We are working closely with CDPHE’s testing team and will update you as soon as we have news about the at-home testing programs and how you can sign up.

To help with your planning, you should know that these at-home testing programs probably won’t be up and running until February.

I wish I had more information for you at this time, but please know that CDPHE is working as quickly as possible on this and should have more news for you soon.

Thanks,
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