

October 7, 2021

Dear CRJ Families,

I pray that this letter finds you and your family safe and healthy. With the school year fully underway and our continued focus on keeping our students, staff, and families safe, I am writing to ask that you register your child for the free routine COVID-19 testing program that the Maryland Department of Health is offering to all Cristo Rey students and staff.

This voluntary program allows all CRJ students to receive a COVID-19 test on a routine basis of either weekly or bi-weekly. The testing frequency will be determined by the number of participants enrolled in the program. . Testing is painless and rapid to ensure minimal time is spent away from the classroom. Routine COVID-19 testing will help Cristo Rey find and isolate people without symptoms to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus to others. Greater participation within the program will assist with detecting positive cases early and regularly, keeping our students and staff healthy and in school. Results will be delivered to each individual within 24-48 hours of receiving the test and those with positive results will be isolated.

As students return to their CIP work sites and the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise across the area it is important that the Cristo Rey community continues to take the necessary steps to ensure our students and staff remain healthy. Routine testing is one additional layer of safety we are taking to accompany having a fully vaccinated school, routine and frequent cleaning of the school building, masking, and continued social distancing.

To learn more about this testing program and to register your scholar please reference the <u>COVID -19 Testing</u> <u>Information</u> communication that was sent out August 20 and follow these <u>COVID-19 Testing Registration</u> <u>Instructions</u>. When you reach the "PAYMENT INFORMATION" tab, you must select the "Maryland K12 schools" tab to ensure that your test is covered by the state of Maryland.

For questions regarding this program, please contact Nurse Tatum at <u>jtatum@cristoreybalt.org</u>. Thank you for your continued support as we navigate these consistently evolving times.

Sincerely,

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