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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Westchester County Department of Health is alerting parents and guardians that there has been a rare, but serious, childhood inflammatory disease reported among children and teens with a possible link to COVID-19.

The New York State Department of Health is currently investigating over 100 cases of severe illness in children and child deaths that may be related to COVID-19 where children are experiencing symptoms similar to Kawasaki disease and toxic shock-like syndrome.

Please be advised that you should seek immediate medical care for your child if he or she develops any of the following symptoms:

- Prolonged fever (more than five days)
- Difficulty feeding (infants) or too sick to drink fluids
- Severe abdominal pain, diarrhea or vomiting
- Change in skin color - becoming pale, patchy and/or blue
- Trouble breathing or breathing very quickly
- Racing heart or chest pain
- Decreased amount of frequency in urine
- Lethargy, irritability or confusion

We will post updated information about this condition in the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of our [Coronavirus Webpage](#) as it becomes available. This webpage can be translated into multiple languages by choosing your desired language from the "Translate" drop down box located on the upper left side of the page.

If you have general questions about COVID-19, the New York State Department of Health has set up a hotline at (888) 364-3065 where Department of Health experts are available to assist you. If you are seeking information or guidance about your health, or the health of your child, call your health care provider or local emergency department.

If you are in need of COVID-19 testing, please call (888) 364-3065 to make an appointment at the drive-through COVID-19 testing center at Glen Island in New Rochelle, or at walk through testing sites in Mount Vernon and Yonkers. You can also use the [New York State Online Screening Tool](#) to share your symptoms and pre-register for testing at these sites.

Sincerely,



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