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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads, Approved Private School for Students with Disabilities and Nonpublic School Administrators

Route To: Principals, School Nurses

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Federal K-12 Rapid Antigen Test Distribution

The federal government has made available to New Jersey Local Education Agencies (LEAs) rapid antigen (point-of-care) tests to support in-person learning. The New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) developed a weekly intake survey for LEAs who may be interested in this support. It is important to note that LEAs serving communities of high [social vulnerability](#) will be prioritized for this resource, and LEAs must be able to put these tests to immediate use.

LEAs interested in participating must have the following:

- Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) waiver
 - The [application for CLIA](#) is online. Review and approvals are typically completed within 72 hours of receipt by NJDOH;
- Staffing capacity to administer the tests; and
- Ability to report test results.

After reviewing the NJDOH [Frequently Asked Question document](#) in its entirety, interested LEAs should complete the [intake survey](#).

Survey requests will be reviewed each Friday by noon for consideration for the following week's federal distribution request. Please note, submission of this survey does not guarantee allocation.

Questions may be referred to COVID.schooltesting@doh.nj.gov.

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