



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads, Nonpublic School Administrators, and Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities
From: Allen Dupree, Director
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Deadline: January 14, 2022

Reimbursement for District Administered COVID-19 Screening Testing Program

Prior to the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) and the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) announced that the federal Department of Health Centers for Disease Control and Prevention awarded \$267 million to the NJDOH to provide COVID-19 screening testing resources and support to school districts and nonpublic schools. An entity that applied to participate in the screening testing program and opted to implement its own screening testing program is eligible to receive a portion of the funds awarded if it has demonstrated to NJDOH that the program meets the minimum requirements outlined by the [NJDOH Communicable Disease Services \(CDS\) Screening Testing Guidance](#).

School districts and nonpublic schools approved by NJDOH to participate in the K-12 Screening Testing Program may now apply for reimbursement by submitting the number of tests administered on the NJDOE [Homerom](#) webpage. The initial payment, to be made no later than January 31, 2022, will provide reimbursement for tests administered between October 18, 2021 and December 31, 2021. A school district or nonpublic school requesting a reimbursement for this time period must submit its testing data no later than January 14, 2022. Subsequent reporting periods will be posted on [Homerom](#).

Districts that opted not to participate in the K-12 Screening Testing Program may seek reimbursement for screening testing expenses through the [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\) Public Assistance Program](#).

Questions regarding the reimbursement process may be addressed to CovidTesting@doe.nj.gov. All other programmatic questions may be addressed to Covid.schooltesting@doh.nj.gov.

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