



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, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities and Leads of Nonpublic Schools

From: Jordan Schiff, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner
Division of Field Support and Services

Deadline: April 1, 2022

Enrollment in the State Testing and Screening Program Expansion

In July 2021, the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Centers for Disease Control (CDC) made available a grant program for states to assist local educational agencies (LEAs) and nonpublic schools with implementing a COVID-19 screening testing program. Effective March 7, 2022, masking in New Jersey schools will no longer be mandated. It is imperative to continue to maintain the safety of staff and students; as such, the New Jersey Departments of Health and Education are inviting districts, **who do not already participate in the state screening and testing programs**, to express interest through the survey link below. This opportunity will assist schools in continuing to provide a safe environment for in-person instruction. The program is voluntary for LEAs and nonpublic schools.

There are two options available to LEAs:

- Option 1: Allows LEAs and nonpublic schools access to testing resources such as test kits, diagnostic lab services, PPE, and full turnkey testing services through state-vetted vendors.
- Option 2: Allows LEAs to conduct their own testing either through a vendor or LEA staff and be reimbursed for \$40.72 for each administered test.

Please complete the online [K-12 Testing Screening Program Survey](#) no later than Friday, April 1, 2022.

Contact Information

Please contact COVID.SchoolTesting@doh.nj.gov with any questions about the survey.

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