



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: September 21, 2022
To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Directors of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities
Route To: School Business Administrators, Principals, School Health Professionals
From: Christopher Irving, Ed.D., Acting Assistant Commissioner
Division of Field Support and Services
Deadline: October 5, 2022

Enrollment in the NJDOH K-12 COVID-19 Testing Program for School Year 2022-2023

The New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) and New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) continue to work collaboratively on efforts to keep students and staff safe in New Jersey schools. NJDOH and NJDOE are pleased to invite local educational agencies (LEAs) to participate in the NJDOH K-12 COVID-19 Testing Program for the 2022-2023 school year. This school year, COVID-19 testing will again be offered at no cost to New Jersey LEAs and nonpublic schools.

The 2022-2023 school year COVID-19 testing program will continue to be supported by state-sponsored vendors, but the format of the program will be different to reflect changes in guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the NJDOH Communicable Disease Service (CDS). Vendors will provide over-the-counter (OTC) test kits to schools that opt in to the program. The initial allotted amount per school will be two test kits per student and staff population per month.

LEA responsibilities include:

1. Follow [NJDOH CDS K-12 COVID-19 Testing Guidance](#) and NJDOH [School Testing Considerations At-a-Glance](#)
2. Send the test kits home with students for use in the home, in line with the emergency use authorization (EUA) and package insert for the product.
3. Report to the Surveillance for Influenza (SIC) and COVID-19 Module in the Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System (CDRSS) as required by [Executive Order 302](#) and [NJDOH Executive Directive #21-011](#).
4. Consider storage space and utilization when making requests to vendors for monthly allotments.

This opportunity will assist schools in continuing to provide a safe environment for in-person instruction.

If interested in participating in the voluntary NJDOH K-12 COVID-19 Testing Program for the 2022-2023 school year, please complete the [online intake survey](#) no later than noon Wednesday, October 5, 2022.

Contact Information

Please contact COVID.SchoolTesting@doh.nj.gov with questions regarding this message and/or the intake survey.

c: Members, State Board of Education
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