

Date: February 17, 2021

To BOCES District Superintendents
Superintendents of Public Schools
Public School Administrators
Charter School Administrators
Nonpublic School Administrators

For Katherine R. DeCato

Subject: In-person participation in COVID-19 testing (Amended)

The Department of Health has received information from the field that some schools are beginning to offer in-person COVID-19 testing to students and staff in order to help reduce the spread of the virus. The Department is currently reviewing this information and will provide guidance on how to proceed with in-person testing.

To clarify, schools are not required to offer COVID-19 testing to students and staff. Schools may choose to offer testing if they have the resources and staff to do so. Schools should contact their local health department for more information.

Agencies participating in the program shall be deemed by the State Department of Health to be in compliance with the requirements of the program.

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Guidance for Receipt

and are not affected by this guidance. However, as

indicated above,