

Date: February 17, 2021

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

For Katherine R. DeCaddo

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 plan for in-person participation in COVID-19 testing. The Department is currently reviewing this information and will provide guidance in the coming weeks.

To clarify, schools are not required to participate in COVID-19 testing. Schools may choose to participate in testing if they wish. The Department is currently reviewing this information and will provide guidance in the coming weeks.

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,