

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 will provide guidance on how to conduct testing and how to handle positive results.

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,