

Date: February 17, 2021

To BOCES District Superintendents
Superintendents of Public Schools
Public School Administrators
Charter School Administrators
Nonpublic School 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 offer in-person COVID-19 testing to students and staff. The Department is currently reviewing this information and will provide guidance in the coming weeks.

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. The Department will provide further guidance on this matter 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,