

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 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 or staff. Schools may choose to offer testing if they have the resources and staff to do so. The Department will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as needed.

Agencies participating in the program shall be deemed by the State

to have accepted the terms and conditions of the

State Department of Health

Guidance for Receipt

and are not affected by this guidance. However, as

indicated above,