

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 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

to have accepted the terms and conditions of the

Guidance for State Receipt

indicated above,

State Department of Health

and are not affected by this guidance. However, as