

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 in order to help reduce the spread of the virus.

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. Schools should contact their local health department for more information.

Agencies participating in the program shall be deemed by the State

to have accepted the terms and conditions of the

Guidance for Receipt

indicated above,

State Department of Health

and are not affected by this guidance. However, as