**Sample Letter to Parents: COVID-19 Test Availability**

September 2, 2021

Dear [DISTRICT] Parents,

In [DISTRICT], we are committed to doing all we can to keep staff and students healthy and safe. If your child needs to have a COVID-19 test performed, below are some options for testing locally:

* [if your LEA is participating in the K-12 COVID-19 Testing Project and those tests are available at parent request, provide information on how to access them here.]
* The state has an [interactive map](https://tdem.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=1e91fb79fa44417898738e5bff31a3d8) that is updated daily and lists statewide COVID-19 testing sites.
* [List any other local option you are aware of that you would like to share with your school community]

This [link](https://meds.tdem.texas.gov/) will also help you identify vaccine availability, as well as therapeutic providers throughout Texas, should those be necessary.

We encourage you not to use your local hospital emergency room for this purpose, which can cause additional burdens on the hospital system during a challenging time, and instead use one of the local options listed above.

Thank you again for helping keep our students and community safe.

Sincerely,
\_DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT\_