SY 21-22 COVID-19 Testing Program

Begins on September 15th and continues through the end of the SY 21-22

Background:
The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) received an $800 million grant from the federal government to support school-based screening testing activities intended to support open, in person K-12 instruction.

DSHS has partnered with TEA to provide these resources to Texas K-12 school systems to support items or activities aimed at implementation of prevention and mitigation strategies necessary to curtail the spread of COVID-19.

On-site antigen and off-site laboratory testing is available free of charge to Texas public and private school systems through providers contracted through DSHS.

What to Expect as Part of the Testing Program:

• Schools will be provided a list of testing providers and will choose the provider that meets their needs.
• School will be provided tests from their selected provider using an allocation amount determined by DSHS and TEA.
• Providers will bill DSHS directly, so schools are not required to enter into contracts with testing providers.
• Schools will continue to report data using the provided reporting mechanisms.

• Public schools will be eligible to apply for grant funds to use on other allowable expenses related to prevention and mitigation strategies.

For more information, please visit the Center for Disease Control Website.