

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



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