

Good morning,

Please review E.O. 253 <https://d31hzhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20210823/82/76/fc/95/4e7daf3368de0b73b8ae2713/EO-253.pdf>.

This requires among other things, the following:

- All public, private, and parochial preschool programs, and elementary and secondary schools, including charter and renaissance schools ("covered settings"), must maintain a policy that requires all covered workers to either provide adequate proof to the covered setting that they have been fully vaccinated or submit to COVID-19 testing at minimum one to two times weekly. This requirement shall take effect on October 18, 2021, at which time any covered workers that have not provided adequate proof that they are fully vaccinated must submit to a minimum of weekly or twice weekly testing on an ongoing basis until fully vaccinated.

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John Bilodeau
Superintendent

Gold Evening John,

Are you available via phone tomorrow? If so, what is a good time?

Daryl M. Vincent

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From: John Bilodeau <jbilodeau@gloucestertownshipschools.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 3:09:41 PM
To: Minus-Vincent, Daryl <Daryl.Minus-Vincent@doe.nj.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Executive Order 253 - Weekly Testing of Non-Vaccinated Staff

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9/28/21

Superintendent Minus-Vincent,

Good afternoon.

I wanted to contact you to determine if you might be able to assist our district in regard to the subject of weekly testing? Approximately two weeks ago the New Jersey Department of Health had offered to provide weekly COVID-19 testing to school staff who are not fully vaccinated.

Gloucester Township Public Schools elected to apply for Option 1 in which the State would provide testing resources.

As of this email our district has not received any further guidance or any update in terms of this program.

I do not know if the State DOH is sharing information with your office but if you have any update I would appreciate it.

Thank you.

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Thank you, it was great talking to you. I will keep you informed if I receive additional information.



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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Executive Order 253 - Weekly Testing of Non-Vaccinated Staff

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Superintendent,

My apologies. I believe our phone system impacted our call.

Thank you for contacting me regarding the information on Executive Order 253.

I look forward to working with you in serving the students of Camden County.

Respectfully,

John Bilodeau

On Wed, Sep 29, 2021 at 8:50 AM John Bilodeau <jbilodeau@gloucestertownshipschools.org> wrote:

9/29/21

Superintendent Minus-Vincent,

Good morning.

I am available throughout the day. The best number would be (856) 227-1400 Ext. 2001

Looking forward to hearing from you.

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Fwd: COVID 19 School Testing Vendor Announcement

message

John Bilodeau <jbilodeau@gloucestertownshipschools.org>
o: John Bilodeau <jbilodeau@gloucestertownshipschools.org>

Fri, Nov 19, 2021 at 12:02 PM

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From: **Orlando Mercado** <omercado@gloucestertownshipschools.org>
Date: Tue, Oct 5, 2021 at 10:46 AM
Subject: Fwd: COVID 19 School Testing Vendor Announcement
To: John Bilodeau <jbilodeau@gloucestertownshipschools.org>

The NJ Department of Health identified a vendor for us, but that's it.

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From: **DOH-COVID School Testing [DOH]** <COVID.SchoolTesting@doh.nj.gov>
Date: Mon, Oct 4, 2021 at 8:49 PM
Subject: COVID 19 School Testing Vendor Announcement
To:

Greetings Camden County Education Stakeholders,

Thank you for your patience as we worked through the School Screening Testing Program submission data to finalize details and assignments. The assigned vendor for Camden County is:

Longview (LTS)

Look out for correspondence from them in the coming days with directions to begin onboarding and coordination of your testing.

Please remember, the screening testing program must always follow the CDC and CDS guidance at minimum. Given the current CALI scores across the state, that currently means students, teachers, and other staff who are not fully vaccinated should be tested at least once per week. Again, this is the minimum testing protocol. However, the program is open and offered to all students, teachers, and other school staff in your school/district who wish to participate so please be prepared to coordinate with your assigned vendor and local team to ensure access to those eligible parties who wish to participate. The *latest CDS guidance and CDC contact tracing resources* are attached for quick reference.

All vendors are under contract with the NJ Department of Health and as part of this program will only provide services as directed under their contract. By participating in this program, schools/districts agree that any additional services requested outside of this must be contracted and funded independently of the state screening testing program. Included services are as follows:

- All staff required for testing, including bilingual staff and/or translation services required to ensure accessibility to all parties
- Vendors must maintain Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) certification or have an active contract with a CLIA-certified laboratory
- Testing supplies, specimen collection, and courier service to transport supplies to testing sites and collected specimens to laboratories
- Setup, breakdown, and sanitization of testing areas, including disposal of medical and non-medical waste
- Processes and necessary supplies and equipment for registration, consent, check-in, and delivery of test results in electronic and/or paper format

ensure access to necessary data for required SIC module reporting

Schools will not be billed directly. Some vendors may ask participants for insurance information if applicable. Otherwise, vendors are to bill NJDOH for services rendered.

Required Reporting

By participating in this program, schools/districts agree to complete the required reporting via the K-12 Surveillance for Influenza and COVID-19 (SIC) Module via CDRSS as per the latest [CDS guidance](#). A user guide and training video are available on the [CDRSS webpage](#) in the 'System Announcement' column. If the designated POC in your school/district does not yet have a CDRSS account, there are also instructions for requesting access and a quick start guide for orientation to the system. We recommend starting this process as soon as possible so your are ready to being reporting as soon as testing begins at your school.

Communication

If you are receiving this message, you are currently listed as the point of contact (POC) for your district or school per information provided in the intake survey. This notice and any future messages related to the program will be sent to you. If you are not the correct contact, please let us know as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns about the program, please contact your assigned Regional Testing Coordinator Shereia Harper at sharper@cdcfoundation.org or send to the school screening testing inbox COVID.schooltesting@doh.nj.gov.

Thank you,

NJDOH Testing Team

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John Bilodeau
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Good Morning:

The attached document was sent to all schools from the NJDOH as a public health update. The attached document provides updated COVID-19 information for schools concerning:

1. New COVID-19 reporting requirements,
2. New option for reporting individual COVID-19 test results, and
3. Updated information on the NJDOH screening testing program.

It includes information on the new Executive Directive, <https://www.state.nj.us/health/legal/covid19/>, that as of October 26, 2021, **all schools** shall complete the Surveillance for Influenza and COVID-19 (SIC) Module in the Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System (CDRSS), available at: <https://cdrs.doh.state.nj.us/>. Within the attachment there are directions for schools to register in the (SIC) module. LEAs participating in the screening and testing program were already required to register so this is new for LEAs that opted not to participate in the program.

This document also explains the requirement of LEAs participation in the screening and testing program with regard to testing students. I copied and pasted the language below for quick reference:

LEAs and non-public schools are in compliance with program participation guidelines if they have demonstrated evidence of outreach to their school/district communities informing them about the availability of the testing program.

Thank you,

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Updated Guidance for Schools on COVID-19 Reporting Requirements, Reporting Point of Care (POC) COVID-19 Test Results, and Screening Testing Program

October 7, 2021

This document provides updated COVID-19 information for schools:

1. New COVID-19 reporting requirements
2. New option for reporting individual COVID-19 test results
3. Update on the NJDOH screening testing program

COVID-19 Reporting Requirements

NJDOH sent a LINC message to schools on September 13, 2021 concerning reporting of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) and COVID-19 surveillance data and including school-based COVID-19 screening/testing efforts.

NEW! NJDOH Executive Directive #21-011 requires that as of October 26, 2021, all schools shall complete the Surveillance for Influenza and COVID-19 (SIC) Module in the Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System (CDRSS), available at: <https://cdrs.doh.state.nj.us/>. Required information to report is outlined in the "Surveillance for Influenza and COVID-19 (SIC) Module: User Guide for Schools" (available at: <https://cdrs.doh.state.nj.us/>). Data is reported at the individual school level but can be entered into CDRSS by a school district on behalf of multiple schools within their district. Data must be entered weekly by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday for the previous week. Aggregate reporting data may be shared publicly at the county level.

How to Report Weekly Data to NJDOH

- For existing school users who report ILI/COVID-19 surveillance data into CDRSS, nothing additional needs to be done. (login at <https://cdrs.doh.state.nj.us/cdrss/login/loginPage>)
- For schools who aren't current CDRSS users, go to <https://cdrs.doh.state.nj.us/cdrss/login/loginPage> and under "System Announcements," go to "K-12 Module and Enrollment Training" and follow the instructions to enroll to report your schools' data. Email the completed user agreement to CDS.COVRPT@doh.nj.gov and a username and password will be provided to new users by email.

Information to Report

- Absenteeism: Number of students who are absent on Tuesday of the current week, the number of students absent due to COVID-like illness (CLI) and the predominant symptoms associated with absenteeism.
- COVID-19 Cases: Number of new COVID-19 cases among students and staff members in the previous week and the cumulative numbers of student/staff cases since the beginning of the current term (e.g., fall, spring, summer).
- Exclusion: Number of students temporarily on remote learning due to COVID-19 exclusion.
- Vaccination Coverage: Number of fully vaccinated students and staff.
- Screening/Testing Data: Number of tests conducted and the number of positive tests in the prior week.

While some of this data might be readily available to school nurses, administrative staff within schools can also play an important role in entering data on behalf of a school or district.

Reporting Individual COVID-19 Test Results

As a reminder, weekly aggregate reporting does NOT replace the need for schools to notify their local health department when they become aware of COVID-19 cases or possible outbreaks, and for schools that are performing diagnostic or screening testing to electronically report individual COVID-19 test results to public health authorities. Tests that are performed in a laboratory must be reported into the Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System (CDRSS). Tests performed at the “point of care (POC¹),” e.g., at school, in a doctor’s office, can be reported through SimpleReport (<https://simplereport.gov/>)² or CDRSS.

NEW! SimpleReport

SimpleReport was developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as a fast, free, and easy way for COVID-19 testing facilities (including schools) to report POC test results to public health departments. It works with any COVID-19 rapid POC test and maintains HIPAA standards. NJDOH and local health departments in will automatically receive test results for New Jersey residents and for persons tested at New Jersey facilities that are entered into SimpleReport. To get started, testing providers should go to <https://simplereport.gov/>, click on Getting Started, and then Onboard your Organization.

Online training resources are available, including a user guide, videos, and additional resources specific for schools who want to use SimpleReport to help organize the workflow and reporting of school-wide

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testing. SimpleReport is managed and coordinated by CDC and provides support for users having problems logging in or who have other questions about using SimpleReport.

NJDOH and local health departments cannot assist users with SimpleReport onboarding or reporting problems – users needing assistance must use the online SimpleReport support options: <https://simplereport.gov/support/>.

Onboarding with SimpleReport should take about one week. Until that process is complete, schools and vendors providing testing for schools must continue to report COVID-19 test results, either through CDRSS or by reporting to the local health department. A directory of local health departments in N.J. is available at www.localhealth.nj.gov.

CDRSS Reporting Option

Schools or vendors who are already reporting test results into CDRSS can continue to do so. It may be preferable for vendors having electronic laboratory reporting capabilities (HL7 messaging) to report into CDRSS. Test results can also be manually entered into CDRSS. For new users, select the Quick Start Option for COVID-19 Training on the CDRSS home page (available at: <https://cdrs.doh.state.nj.us/cdrss/login/loginPage/>). Questions about reporting into CDRSS should be sent to cds.admin@doh.nj.gov.

Home Tests

Home tests (self-tests) are authorized for self-collection and self-testing and are not considered POC tests. If schools are using home tests for screening testing or other purposes, they should report positive home test results only to the local health department. A directory of local health departments is available at www.localhealth.nj.gov.

NJDOH COVID-19 Screening Testing Program

The State of New Jersey is committed to providing high quality, in-person education in the 2021-2022 school year in a manner that safeguards the health of students, teachers and school staff. To ensure the safest environment possible for all students and school staff, NJDOH and NJDOE offered public Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and non-public schools support for robust testing programs, either through end-to-end vendor testing support or through direct funding support to implement a screening testing program. Schools that opted into the NJDOH screening testing program (with either option) must educate their school community about the program and make it available to all students and staff following NJDOH guidance for COVID-19 screening testing. This may include but is not limited to the following sample activities:

- Sharing printed documents informing students, parents, and staff about the availability of testing;
- Hosting webinars with school/district community members to inform them about the availability of testing and answer questions about the program and testing guidelines;
- Sharing consent information (including how to opt-out of testing if a passive consent mechanism is used) with parents who would like their student to participate in screening testing.

LEAs and non-public schools are in compliance with program participation guidelines if they have demonstrated evidence of outreach to their school/district communities informing them about the availability of the testing program.

School Testing and Reporting Resources

- NJDOH weekly COVID-19 Reporting into SIC Module/CDRSS: email CDS.COVS.RPT@doh.nj.gov.
- Reporting POC test results through SimpleReport: <https://simplereport.gov/support/>
- Reporting test results (laboratory or POC) through CDRSS: email cds.admin@doh.nj.gov
- NJDOH Screening Testing Program: email COVID.schooltesting@doh.nj.gov

Good Afternoon,

The county health department has informed us that they have available Covid -19 saliva PCR testing kits for school districts to cover employees between October 18 and November 1. The testing company will accommodate all the school districts in Camden County. Please see the link below and complete the survey. The test is a PCR saliva test that can be taken at school and shipped to Piscataway. The test can be completed in school and can be monitored by any supervisor. There is no medical experience required. This is the same test that Vault Testing is using. The turnaround time for the test results is 24-48 hours.

In addition, the County is offering testing 7 days a week at the Camden County Improvement Authority Garage 416 S 5th Street Camden, NJ. Please let the health department know if you need more information. Again, please see the link below and complete the Camden County Health Department School Testing Survey.

School Screening Testing Program

Thank you



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Please see the attached update from the NJDOH, thank you.



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From: Rodriguez, Rosalina <Rosalina.Rodriguez@doe.nj.gov>

Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 3:38 PM

Subject: Covid Testing in Schools

We are sending the below information on behalf of Dr. Nwako. This is not an endorsement, but another resource.

From: Paschal Nwako <Paschal.Nwako@camdencounty.com>
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This is NJPHA's (New Jersey Public Health Association) work with APHA (American Public Health Association) to promote the importance of K-12 testing in schools.

This is excellent information for schools as a refresher, and they can use the service with Thermo Fisher if they want. We are not endorsing them but think this is excellent information. I will like superintendents to send this information to the school nurses. The webinar video below best describes Covid school testing. I will discuss this during our next meeting on Nov 10th.

Webinar – video from APHA about the testing project -

Would you please let me know if you have any questions?

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November 10, 2021

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Data should be reported weekly, even if the school is closed and even if there are no new cases to report. If there are no new cases reported or no screening testing was conducted during the prior week, "0" values should be entered in the appropriate fields. Fields should not be left blank.

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Onboarding with SimpleReport should take about one week. Until that process is complete, schools and vendors providing testing for schools must continue to report COVID-19 test results, either through CDRSS or by reporting to the local health department. A directory of local health departments in N.J. is available at www.localhealth.nj.gov.

CDRSS Reporting Option

Schools or vendors who are already reporting test results into CDRSS can continue to do so. It may be preferable for vendors having electronic laboratory reporting capabilities (HL7 messaging) to report into CDRSS. Test results can also be manually entered into CDRSS. For new users, select the Quick Start Option for COVID-19 Training on the CDRSS home page (available at: <https://cdrs.doh.state.nj.us/cdrss/login/loginPage/>). Questions about reporting into CDRSS should be sent to cdrs.admin@doh.nj.gov.

Home Tests

Home tests (self-tests) are authorized for self-collection and self-testing and are not considered POC tests. If schools are using home tests for screening testing or other purposes, they should report positive home test results only to the local health department. A directory of local health departments is available at www.localhealth.nj.gov.

NJDOH COVID-19 Screening Testing Program

The State of New Jersey is committed to providing high quality, in-person education in the 2021-2022 school year in a manner that safeguards the health of students, teachers and school staff. To ensure the safest environment possible for all students and school staff, NJDOH and NJDOE offered public Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and non-public schools support for robust testing programs, either through end-to-end vendor testing support or through direct funding support to implement a screening testing program. Schools that opted into the NJDOH screening testing program (with either option) must educate their school community about the program and make it available to all students and staff following [NJDOH guidance for COVID-19 screening testing](#). This may include but is not limited to the following sample activities:

- Sharing printed documents informing students, parents, and staff about the availability of testing;

- Hosting webinars with school/district community members to inform them about the availability of testing and answer questions about the program and testing guidelines;
- Sharing consent information (including how to opt-out of testing if a passive consent mechanism is used) with parents who would like their student to participate in screening testing.

LEAs and non-public schools are in compliance with program participation guidelines if they have demonstrated evidence of outreach to their school/district communities informing them about the availability of the testing program.

School Testing and Reporting Resources

- NJDOH weekly COVID-19 Reporting into SIC Module/CDRSS: email CDS.COVS.RPT@doh.nj.gov.
- Reporting POC test results through SimpleReport: <https://simplereport.gov/support/>
- Reporting test results (laboratory or POC) through CDRSS: email cds.admin@doh.nj.gov
- NJDOH Screening Testing Program: email COVID.schooltesting@doh.nj.gov