

## SAFER SMARTER SCHOOLS

*Get tested. Get protected. Get back to what you love.*

The Louisiana Department of Health aims to support Louisiana schools by providing COVID-19 testing options at no cost to any school in the state with the shared goal to keep schools open and prevent outbreaks of COVID-19 amongst the last population to have access to vaccination (those under 12 years).

Routine testing is available to anyone on the school campus: students, teachers and staff. LDH has designed a participant incentive program that will encourage routine participation throughout the Fall 2021 School Year to the Spring 2022 School Year. LDH provides participating school districts with financial support to help schools implement the following routine testing options:

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*Option 1*

### DO IT YOURSELF

LDH provides \$30k in staff funding, rapid molecular testing materials and training for a school staff person to run a routine COVID-19 testing program in their school.

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*Option 2*

### LDH MAKES IT HAPPEN

The “LDH Makes it Happen” PCR testing service allows schools to partner with LDH vendors who will provide the end-to-end testing program for the school. LDH will fund the testing program and provide \$14.5k in staff time reimbursements associated with the logistical needs to help coordinate this program.

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*Option 3*

### WAIT & SEE

Schools can choose to opt-out of routine testing and call upon LDH if there is an outbreak.



**TO SIGN UP YOUR SCHOOL**  
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**We're here to help you decide!**

Questions can be sent to [K-12covidtesting@la.gov](mailto:K-12covidtesting@la.gov)

**[ldh.la.gov/schooltesting](https://ldh.la.gov/schooltesting) | (800) 123-4567**

*The purpose of this funding and LDH's statewide COVID-19 testing program is to keep COVID-19 from spreading through our school systems, infecting the unvaccinated children and teachers, and shutting down extracurricular activities or an entire school. It's imperative that LDH supports students thrive by providing healthcare opportunities that are at no cost to schools, families, or students.*

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Can my staff conduct the testing ourselves?

If your school chooses Option 1, all testing materials are provided by LDH and your school staff will be trained. LDH will even reimburse staff associated costs.

### Our school doesn't have anyone who can manage something like this. How can you help?

For Option 2 schools, our contracted testing teams will provide the staff and required equipment, and will meet with each school before testing begins to determine the best and safest site layout.

### How customizable is this program?

Each option is designed to make testing easy and accessible to everyone. With Option 2, we plan each school site in partnership with the participating laboratory testing team located within the school's LDH region.

### Which schools are eligible?

The program is free to public, private and charter schools, individually or within a school system.

### Who is providing the testing for Option 2?

LDH has contracted qualified and experienced laboratories throughout the state to assist in our program.