

Essex County COVID School Testing Plan*

Reopen & Keep Schools Operating Safely with Screening Testing & Symptomatic Testing

ROLES	
<p style="text-align: center;">SCHOOLS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure parental consent & track through school organization portal <input type="checkbox"/> Track vaccinated staff/students <input type="checkbox"/> Identify screening testing pool/fill-ins for weekly 10%/12 minimum testing group <input type="checkbox"/> Identify a location, school staff member to assist with weekly testing <input type="checkbox"/> Provide point person for COVID testing – screening & symptomatic 	<p style="text-align: center;">ESSEX COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure a schedule is provided to schools with dates, times for screening testing <input type="checkbox"/> Provide a point person to collect screening testing specimens <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure supplies are available for symptomatic testing and a drop-off or pick-up location is identified for all overnight ships <input type="checkbox"/> Provide training and ongoing support to schools at no cost to schools or families <input type="checkbox"/> Provide point person for COVID school testing – screening & symptomatic
TESTING	
<p style="text-align: center;">SCREENING TESTING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ School Portal and Parent Portal ✓ Once per week ✓ 10% of faculty, staff & students (or 12 minimum) ✓ Reflex testing – if any positive in screening pool, then all specimens run individually to identify the positive ✓ Known weekly schedule <p>May expand screening testing to include athletics or other extracurricular activities</p> <p>May expand (or contract) screening testing following NYSDOH & NYSED guidance to follow indicator-based testing strategy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SYMPTOMATIC TESTING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Abbott ID NOW instrument in each health office</p> <p style="text-align: center;">15 minute result.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Negative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If/as needed • Swab with Quadrant single pack & mail through UPS drop-off or pick-up with 24 hr. results • Stay home until results available <p style="text-align: center;">Negative Positive</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center; width: 40%;"> <p>Return to school when well</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center; width: 40%;"> <p>Isolate & Contact trace</p> </div> </div> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Positive</p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">Isolate & Contact trace</p> </div> </div>
NEXT STEPS	
<p style="text-align: center;">SCHOOLS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Notify parents/families of our plan <input type="checkbox"/> Send parents link to register/consent to testing <input type="checkbox"/> Collect vaccination information <input type="checkbox"/> Assign staff <p>Register in the app Parent Registration</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ESSEX COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-pager for school admin audience <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing & communication with parent audience <input type="checkbox"/> Draft testing schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Assign staff <input type="checkbox"/> Provide prick-up/drop-off location/plan for overnight samples

*Subject to change pending updated NYSDOH and NYSED reopening guidance. Screening testing strategies are part of a layered prevention framework as recommended by the CDC in: