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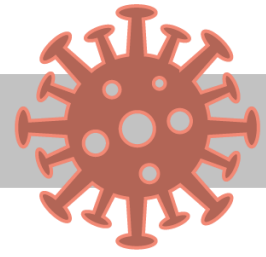


# SY 21-22 COVID-19 School Health Support Grant (Grants to Schools)

## Program and Application Training

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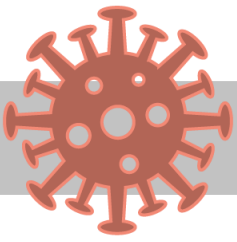
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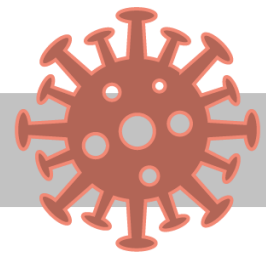
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# Agenda

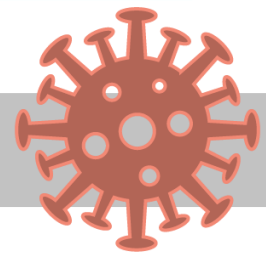
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## Norms & Reminders



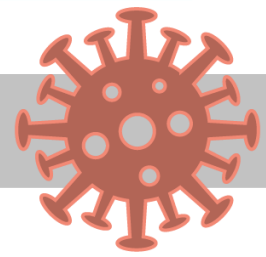
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- We will address Q&A at the end of the webinar, covering the most frequently asked (up voted) questions from the top of the list
- We will address as many questions as we can. Any questions not answered will be answered later via our FAQ and/or via email.



# Norms & Reminders



- This session is intended to cover the [2021-2022 COVID-19 School Health Support Grant \(Grants to Schools\)](#)
- A recording of the webinar and PowerPoint slide deck will be posted on our website by 5:00 tomorrow, Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.
- City of Houston public and private school districts if you are listed in this [spreadsheet](#) you are being supported by TEA for antigen tests but are considered part of the Houston Health District CDC grant. As such, these districts are not eligible for the School Health Support Grant program. Please reach out to the [Houston Health Department for information](#).



# Accessing Session Materials

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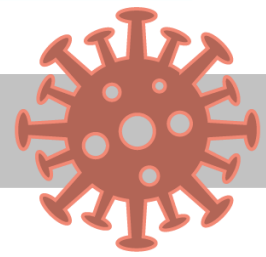
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# Background



# Federal Dollars to Support Schools

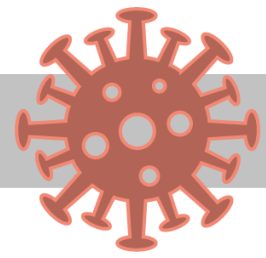
The [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\)](#) invested \$10 billion from the American Rescue Plan to states to enable schools to establish COVID-19 screening testing programs to support and maintain in-person learning.

Texas received a total \$800 million, and the dollars flow to the state health department to administer.

- Within the \$800 million, **\$221 million in grant funding will be allocated for eligible public & private school systems** available for them to apply for and use for several allowable expenses, including additional services and/or products in testing, ventilation, and vaccination access.

The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and TEA have partnered together to make these resources available to eligible public and private K-12 systems in Texas.





# SY 21-22 COVID-19 Testing Project Goals

## Goal of the K-12 COVID-19 Testing Project



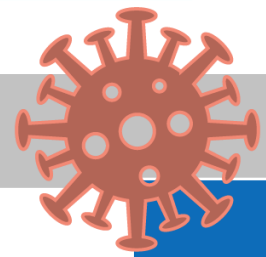
Provide needed resources to implement COVID testing programs and support for related prevention strategies in all K-12 public and private schools.\*

## Goal of the School Health Support Grant (\$221m)



Provide eligible K-12 public and private schools with access to needed funds **to further** support COVID mitigation/prevention resources and activities.

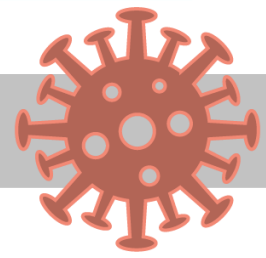
# Eligibility Requirements & Considerations



# Eligibility Requirements

	Eligible to Apply for Funds	Ineligible to Apply for Funds
<b>Public School Districts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Public K-12 school systems in Texas who are interested in accessing funds to assist their schools with COVID mitigation resources/activities in addition to testing resources.</li><li>If you offer Pre-K and those students share a building/co-mingle with K-12 students then you ARE eligible to apply for funds.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Any public or private school</b> on the City of Houston <u>list</u> is NOT eligible to apply to the School Health Support Grant. Although TEA/DSHS is supporting those school systems with the COVID-19 rapid antigen tests through the K-12 COVID-19 Testing Project (vendors). *</li></ul>
<b>Private School Systems</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Private K-12 school systems in Texas who are interested in accessing funds to assist their schools with COVID mitigation resources/activities in addition to testing resources.</li><li>If you offer Pre-K and those students share a building/co-mingle with K-12 students, then you ARE eligible to apply for funds.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pre-K only providers and/or daycare providers are NOT eligible to apply for access to these specific funds.</li><li><b><i>Special note: If a private school system applies and accepts these grant funds, they will become a recipient of federal assistance, making them subject to specific federal requirements.</i></b></li></ul>

# Funding & Allocations

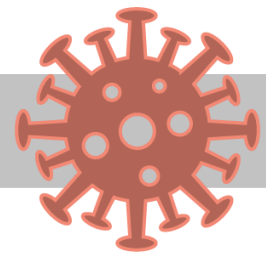


# Funding & Allocations Breakdown

- Allocations for public school systems (LEAs) was based on a rate of \$38.57 per student ages 3-21.
- Private school allocations will be added to the entitlements list after application submission and calculation of allocation by TEA. For planning purposes, a private school system may estimate their allocation at \$38.57 per student aged 3-21.
- Public and private school systems specific allocations can be found on the [TEA Entitlements page](#) & on [2021-2022 COVID-19 School Health Support Grant \(Grants to Schools\)](#). Private school system allocations will be added after the application deadline on Thursday, December 9<sup>TH</sup>.



# Allowable Activities

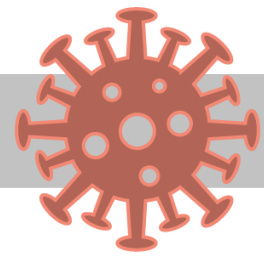


# Allowable Activities-Overview



Pre-award costs are permitted, if requested, from May 1, 2021, to application submission date.

1. PPE (including but not limited to masks, gloves, gowns, & face shields);
2. Hygiene and cleaning supplies;
3. Portable high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) fan/filtration systems or other small items that may allow for improved air circulation;
4. Public health events that include students and other community members and are aimed at providing opportunities for increased detection and prevention of COVID-19;
5. Vaccine promotion events and communications;
6. COVID-19 testing-test kits, turn-key testing services, and related support services;
7. Costs to obtain a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Certificate of Waiver;
8. Partial funding for staff who will be conducting grant-related duties for screening testing or COVID prevention programs that are outside of the staff's regular duties
9. Other allowable uses pre-approved by TEA grant program office

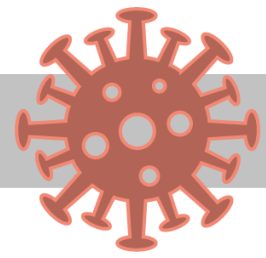


# Working with Outside Vendors

2021-2022 School Year - COVID-19 Testing Vendors Chart - Standing Delegation Order (SDO) or Individual Order Chart - Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Chart				
last revised 10/29/21 at 1:30 pm				
COVID-19 Testing Vendors Chart				
	Achieve Health Management (AHM)	Affinity Empowering	Quest Diagnostics	Thermo Fisher Scientific (TFS)
CLIA Waivers	Rapid antigen tests: <b>No</b> CLIA Waiver needed - AHM has CLIA Waiver taken care of PCR: Not applicable	PCR: Not applicable	Rapid antigen tests: <b>No</b> CLIA Waiver needed - Quest has CLIA Waiver taken care of PCR: Not applicable	Rapid antigen tests: CLIA Waiver <b>needed</b> - TFS provides guidance to districts/schools on applying for waiver PCR: Not applicable
Test Collection	School Personnel or AHM Staff (for PCR tests only)	Self-Administered or School Personnel	School Personnel or Quest Staff (for either rapid antigen tests or PCR)	School Personnel or TFS Staff***
Scheduling for Turnkey option	Coordination with AHM	NO	Done through an online portal	Coordination with TFS
Training Provided to School Staff	YES	YES	YES	YES
Reference Materials for School Personnel	YES	YES	YES	YES
Electronic Registration	YES	YES	YES	YES
Electronic Form Review/Signature by Parent/Guardian	YES	YES	YES	YES
Translation of Materials	Spanish	Spanish	Digital consent in English and Spanish Paper consent translated into 25 languages Support center website translated into 100 languages	Spanish (other language can be discussed)
Support Team Availability	YES	NO	YES	YES
Reporting Dashboards	YES	YES	YES	YES
Rapid Antigen Test	YES	NO	YES	YES
Rapid Antigen Time to results	15 minutes	N/A	15 minutes	30 minutes-DraSure; 15 minutes-Quidel Sofia and BD Veritor
Rapid Antigen Test Brand	Abbott BinaxNOW: \$7.50 per test ( <b>currently on backorder nationally</b> ) GenBody: \$7.50 per test	N/A	Abbott BinaxNOW: \$20.50 per test ( <b>currently on backorder nationally</b> ) CareStar: \$20.50 per test	DraSure: \$20.00 per test Quidel Sofia: \$20.00 per test BD Veritor: \$20.00 per test <b>Some tests may be on backorder</b>
Rapid Antigen Test Collection Method	Anterior Nasal for Abbott BinaxNOW/ Nasopharyngeal or Anterior Nasal for GenBody	N/A	Anterior Nasal	Anterior Nasal
PCR Test	YES Real Time PCR: \$80.00 per test	YES Individual PCR: \$0 per test Pooled: \$0 per tube	YES Individual PCR: \$100 per test Pooled (5 to 25): \$150 per tube	YES Individual PCR: \$48.00 per test Source Pooled* (up to 6): \$60.00 per tube Lab Pooled** (up to 5): \$16.00 per participant Plus a one-time fee of \$10.00 per participant
PCR Time to results	Within 48 hours of receipt of specimens by lab	24-48 hours	less than 48 hrs; 24 hrs for pooled test results	24-48 hours
PCR Collection Method	Anterior Nasal	Anterior Nasal	Anterior Nasal	Anterior Nasal
Testing Methodology	Individual	Pooled (5 to 24)	Individual or pooled (5 to 25)	Individual or pooled (up to 5 or 6)
NOTE	Requires 30 day estimate of testing volume to procure the necessary volume of materials and labor; requires mandatory kick-off meeting with school implementation leaders	7-10 day start-up		Time from Initial Contact to Begin Testing is 5 to 10 days
Additional Notes	See attachment for school requirements	Two test swabs will be collected from every individual tested. All swabs will be run through pooled testing first. If pooled testing returns a positive, then the second swab will be run to identify	On site staffing for specimen collection: \$100 per hour/per person/minimum 6 hours	*On site staffing for rapid antigen specimen collection: \$120 per hour/per person/minimum 4 hours.  **On site staffing for PCR specimen collection: \$10 per hour/per person/minimum 4 hours. TFS staff will supervise the PCR specimen collection, provide oversight and prepare samples for transport to the lab via provided pre-labeled ship-back boxes. PCR testing is a self-collection program.

COVID-19 testing-test kits, turn-key testing services, and related support services are allowed. We encourage you to review the current [vendor resource sheet](#), and then determine what's the best option for your school system. If you have not already do so.



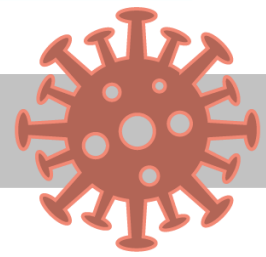


# Allowable Activities- FAQ



Let's review some commonly asked questions regarding allowable activities.

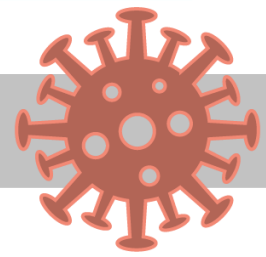
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## Allowable Activities Disclaimer

Any allowable use of funds to be charged to this grant must be reasonable and necessary, the grantee must justify the use of funds to the intent of the program and statute, and the grantee must align it to an allowable activity (noted in the [Program Guidelines](#) and [Application](#)). It is the responsibility of the grantee to maintain proper documentation to justify the use of funds.

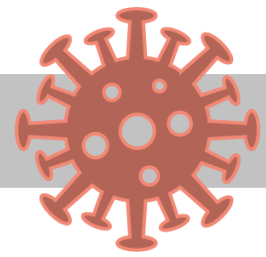
# Grant Application



# Application Process & Timeline

The following dates provide public and private K-12 school systems with the preliminary timeline for this new grant program.

Tentative Date	Action
Thursday, November 4, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Announcement and release of COVID-19 School Operations and Support Grant Program and application.</li><li>• Application program guidelines, planning amount allocations, and the application are available at the COVID-19 Support Page.</li></ul>
Thursday, December 9, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grant applications due by 11:59 PM.*</li></ul>
Friday, January 14, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First cash advance grant payments initiated; unrequested grant allocations will be reallocated.</li></ul>
Thursday, March 31, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grant end date</li></ul>
Tuesday, May 31, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grantee closeout; final grantee expenditure documentation due to TEA</li></ul>
Thursday, June 30, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TEA grant closeout</li></ul>



# Grant Program Guidelines

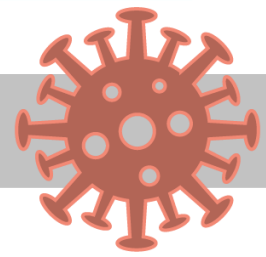
REQUEST FOR APPLICATION

Program Guidelines  
2021-2022 COVID-19  
School Health Support Grant

Authorized by CK19-1904 Epidemiology and Laboratory  
Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging  
Infectious Diseases (ELC) Funding Grant  
codified in 42 USC 241(A) and 247 B(K)2

Application Closing Date—11:59 pm, Central Time  
Application due date: Thursday, December 9, 2021

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# Preview the Application



## 2021-2022 COVID-19 School Health Support Grant Application

**Authorizing Legislation:** This grant program is authorized by 42 USC 241 (A) and 247 B (K) 2 under federal award 6 NU50CK000501-02-06 of the CK19-1904 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) project.

**CFDA:** 93.323

**Grant Period:** May 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022

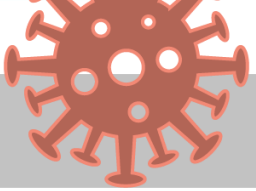
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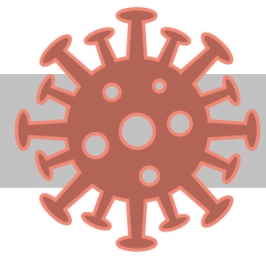
# Reporting Requirements

- Statutory Requirements
  - Detailed explanation in the grant guidelines.
- TEA Program Requirements
  - Detailed explanation in the grant guidelines.
- Performance Measures
  - Monthly progress reports addressing grant activities, testing usage and results, performance measures, and/or on milestones
  - Monthly fiscal or financial reports
  - Annual progress reports (ARPs) that may later be required by the CDC





# Resources



# For More Information

Agency:

Type of Questions:

Contact:



- Grant questions
- Best practices on how to use tests in a school setting
- Public Health Guidance interplay with testing program
- Test Coordinator Support

[COVIDCaseReport@tea.texas.gov](mailto:COVIDCaseReport@tea.texas.gov)



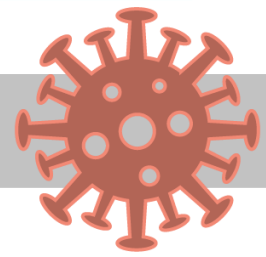
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- Questions or concerns about the **testing vendors**, including responsiveness, delivery, and reporting of results

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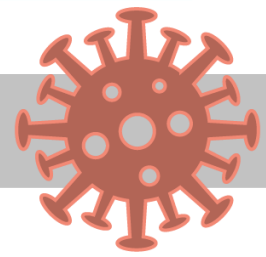
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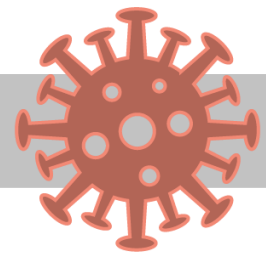
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General and Fiscal Guidelines	<a href="https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/general-and-fiscal-guidelines-7.1.2021-and-after.pdf">https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/general-and-fiscal-guidelines-7.1.2021-and-after.pdf</a>
Provisions, Guidelines, and Assurances	<a href="https://tea.texas.gov/finance-and-grants/grants/grants-administration/guidelines-provisions-and-assurances">https://tea.texas.gov/finance-and-grants/grants/grants-administration/guidelines-provisions-and-assurances</a>
Forms for Prior Approval, Disclosure, and Justification	<a href="https://tea.texas.gov/finance-and-grants/grants/grants-administration/forms-for-prior-approval-disclosure-and-justification">https://tea.texas.gov/finance-and-grants/grants/grants-administration/forms-for-prior-approval-disclosure-and-justification</a>
Budgeting Costs Guidance Handbook	<a href="https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/budgeting_costs_guidance_handbook.pdf">https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/budgeting_costs_guidance_handbook.pdf</a>



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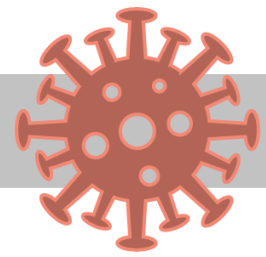
Overview/General Guidance of the ELC Grant from the federal government:

<https://www.openandsafeschools.org/>

When to Test Calculator

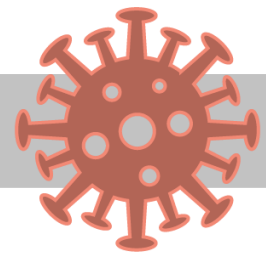
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CDC [COVID-19 School Testing Toolkit](#)



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