Federal Resources Supporting School COVID-19 Screening Testing

Information for State Health and Education Agencies

These resources are available to state and local health and education agencies, and can be engaged in complementary ways as part of school screening programs.

**Operation Expanded Testing (ET)**

Operation ET, funded by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Department of Defense (DoD), expands national COVID-19 testing capacity and offers testing for K-8 schools and vulnerable populations.

- **Total Funding**: $650 million
- **Eligibility**: K-8 schools and vulnerable populations
- **Program Duration**: May 26, 2021-November 25, 2021
- **Program Summary**: Three federally funded regional contractors will provide testing materials and supplies, staff, and results reporting at no cost to recipients.

**CDC Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Reopening Schools Award**

The CDC-funded ELC Reopening Schools award increases resources for COVID-19 screening testing to help schools provide safe, in person learning.

- **Total Funding**: $10 Billion
- **Eligibility**: K-12 Schools in current ELC jurisdictions
- **Program Duration**: April 2021-July 2022
- **Program Summary**: Federal funding for school testing provided to 64 current ELC recipients.

For questions, please email elc@cdc.gov. More information is available [here](#).

**Increasing Community Access to Testing (ICATT)**

ICATT, funded by HHS, provides COVID-19 testing resources and support to underserved school districts.

- **Total Funding**: $255 million
- **Eligibility**: Underserved K-12 schools and school districts as determined by the Social Vulnerability Index, Pandemic Vulnerability Index, and US Census School District Child Poverty
- **Program Duration**: May 2021-September 2021
- **Program Summary**: Federally funded contractors will provide testing materials, supplies and services including sample delivery, results reporting, and public health consultation at no cost.

For questions, contact ICATT@hhs.gov. More information is available [here](#).