



STATE OF CONNECTICUT



Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) School COVID-19 Screening Testing Program

Summer 2021

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH), in partnership with the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE), is offering this testing initiative through the [Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity \(ELC\) school screening testing program as part of American Rescue Plan Act](#) to summer programs that serve K-12 students.

The DPH and CSDE are now offering this program to eligible entities, including all schools (including non-public schools and school-affiliated summer programs - e.g. camps, summer instruction) and town or city-sponsored programs (e.g. summer YMCA-programs, or other similar programs that are providing educational and/or recreational activities to K-12 youth). This funding will be available for COVID-19 screening testing from July 1 through August 30, 2021. Eligible programs may use the funding for screening testing weekly/bi-weekly or event testing of program participants. Please note that we anticipate additional resources will be available for K-12 school screening testing during the fall 2021, with communication on that topic forthcoming.

Eligible summer programs interested in COVID-19 screening testing during the summer months are asked to identify an ELC Program Coordinator as their summer program contact, and complete the short funding request form attached to be submitted **no later than Friday June 11**. Each district/program will be connected with a testing partner, and your ELC Program Coordinator will be connected with the testing provider(s) to coordinate logistics.

These services can be fully funded by the federal grant, and funding can be supplemented by the participant's health insurance coverage. It is important to assess the potential for use of insurance so as to maximize the utility of the federal funds, allowing for as many tests as possible. However, supplementing a program where health insurance coverage is available should not present a barrier to access. As such, the form attached asks for your thoughts on whether collecting insurance information, along with parental consent, would prove to be a barrier or deterrent to participation.

Purpose - ELC Funds: Provide COVID-19 Screening Testing for Public and Non-Public School Communities

Focus of Grant: Summer 2021 school/camps or municipal camp-based weekly COVID-19 screening tests

Eligible Grantees: All public school districts, non-public schools/municipal summer programs

Requirements:

- 1) Identify an ELC COVID testing program coordinator for the participating district/municipal summer program;
- 2) Complete short funding request form (attached); and
- 3) Coordinate logistics including, but not limited to, consents, family insurance information (pending decision) and scheduling, with the testing provider(s) to whom the school district contact is connected.

Available Resources: [ELC Reopening Schools FAQs](#)
[Guidance - ELC Reopening Schools](#)

Submit Completed Forms to: SchoolCovidTesting@ct.gov by June 11, 2021