

# Four Ways Schools Can Find COVID-19 Tests

*Use free resources, or use funding from the American Rescue Plan to access testing. Before starting COVID-19 testing in your school, contact your state or local health department for help.*

	1 Use Your State's K-12 Testing Resources	2 Use Operation Expanded Testing (OpET)	3 Get Connected with School Testing Providers	4 Find a Community COVID-19 Testing Site Nearby
Program Description	CDC awarded \$10 billion from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) of 2021 to jurisdictions to support school-based testing to reopen and keep schools operating safely. States have a variety of resources in place, including many with turnkey programs to implement testing in K-12 schools. <a href="#">Click here</a> to see what services your jurisdiction may be offering.	The Operation Expanded Testing (OpET) program provides free PCR testing at schools, child care, and other settings nationwide. Three federally funded regional contractors provide testing materials, supplies, and lab results and reporting at no direct cost to recipients. Visit the <a href="#">Operation ET website</a> for more details and to get started.	Schools received \$130 billion in ESSER funds under the American Rescue Plan, which may be used to arrange for testing and testing-related services. If your district or school is interested in working directly with testing vendors that support testing in schools, <a href="#">get connected to them here</a> .	Schools may consider referring students, teachers, and staff to community-based testing sites. HHS has partnered with pharmacies and retail companies to accelerate testing for more Americans in communities across the country. Find a site nearby <a href="#">here</a> .
NEW	The Administration announced <u>5 million additional point-of-care, rapid antigen tests per month for school-based testing programs</u> . States may request for schools.	OpET can now accommodate an <u>additional 5 million lab-based tests per month from schools</u> . Schools may request directly.	ED and CDC will help interested schools make additional connections with their state and testing providers.	Federal surge testing sites may be placed near schools and / or feature dedicated hours for students, families, and teachers. States may request.



# 1. Use Your State's K-12 COVID-19 Testing Resources

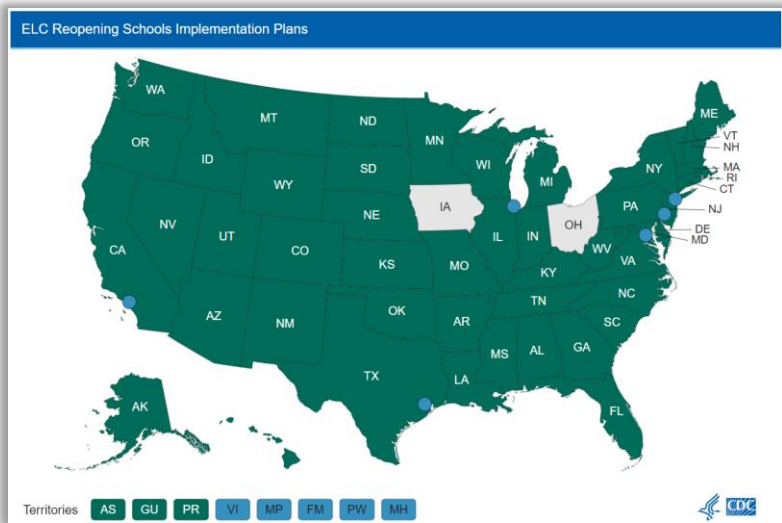
The American Rescue Plan provided \$10 billion to jurisdictions to support school-based testing. [Click here](#) to see what services your jurisdiction may be offering.

**NEW** The Biden-Harris Administration announced 5 million additional point-of-care, rapid antigen tests per month for school-based testing programs. States may submit requests on behalf of districts.

**1** Visit CDC's website and click on your jurisdiction

**2** Click on the link to the jurisdiction's website

**3** Reach out to your state to enroll or request tests



Map available on CDC's [website](#)

**Minnesota**  
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**i** To learn more about Minnesota's school testing plans, [visit their website](#) or [contact](#) their school-based screening testing program.

**Arkansas**  
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**i** Email the [ELC](#) to contact their school-based screening testing program

**Georgia**  
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Click on, "visit their website" to reach the jurisdiction's page for more details

**COVID-19 Testing During the 2021-22 School Year**

Information on this page will help families, educators, and school staff learn about COVID-19 testing guidance, the value of testing, and the variety of testing options the State of Minnesota is making available for the 2021-22 school year.

In-person education and learning is critical to a child's well-being and academic success. Testing in K-12 schools remains a powerful tool for preventing the spread of COVID-19 as part of a broader COVID-19 mitigation strategy. As outlined in [Best Practice Recommendations for COVID-19 Prevention in Schools for the 2021-22 School Year \(PDF\)](#), testing, vaccination, and other prevention strategies should be used to help keep students and educators healthy this school year. The state is working to ensure that students and school staff have the resources they need to access COVID-19 testing for the 2021-22 school year.

**How does our school or school district enroll?**

In order to enroll, you will need to email the following to [covid-k12-testing@dph.ga.gov](mailto:covid-k12-testing@dph.ga.gov):

- Name of Educational Entity (name of school district or school if not a public school district)
- Primary Contact (First Name, Last Name, Email, Phone Number)

You will be then be contacted by our staff to complete the enrollment process.

Example pages from MN DOH and GA DPH

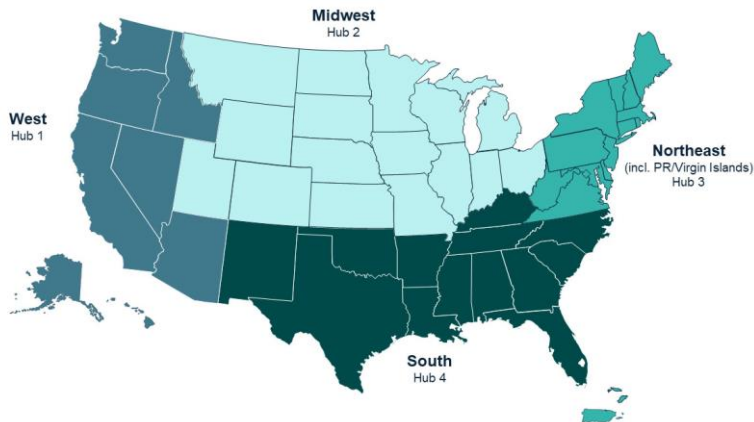


# 2. Use Operation Expanded Testing (OpET)

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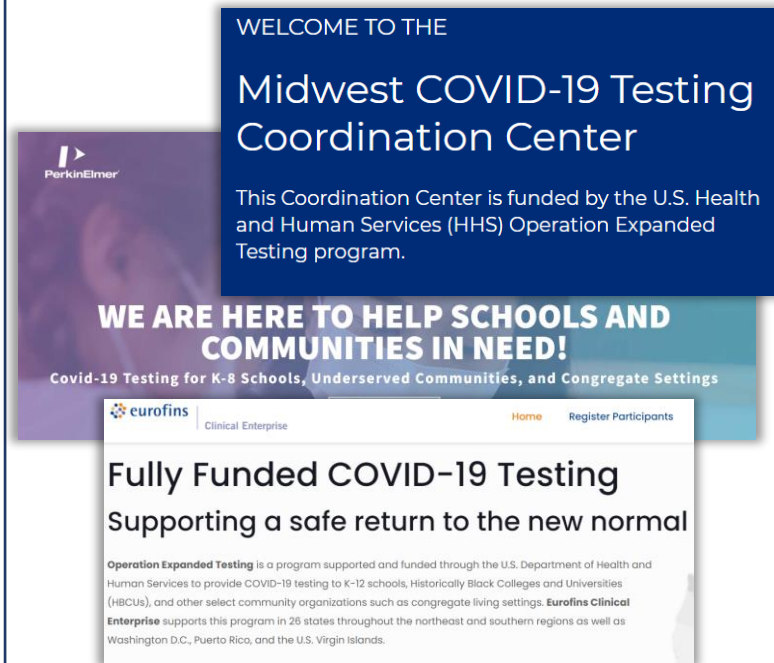
**NEW** OpET can accommodate an additional **5 million lab-based tests per month from schools**. Schools may request tests on the [Operation ET website](#).

**1** Identify your facility's region and coordination hub



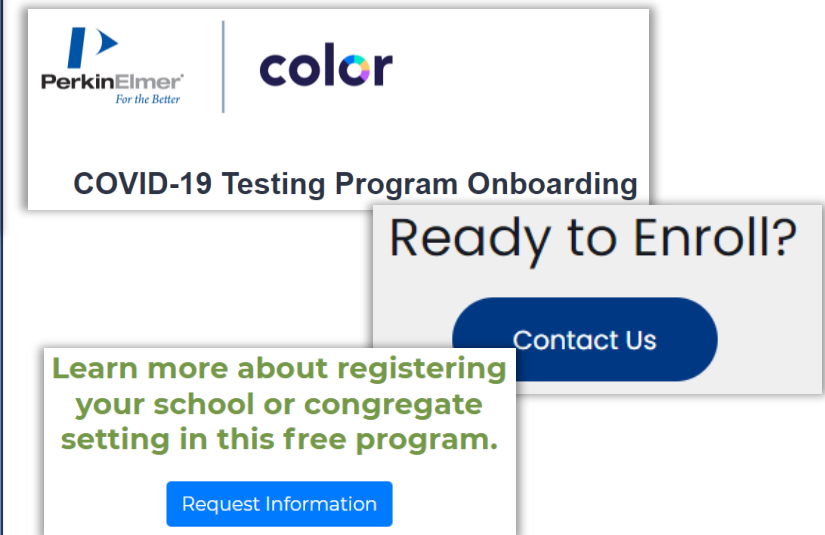
Map available on OpET's [website](#)

**2** Visit your regional coordination hub's website



Regional Coordination Hub Websites

**3** Enroll your school by following the onboarding steps



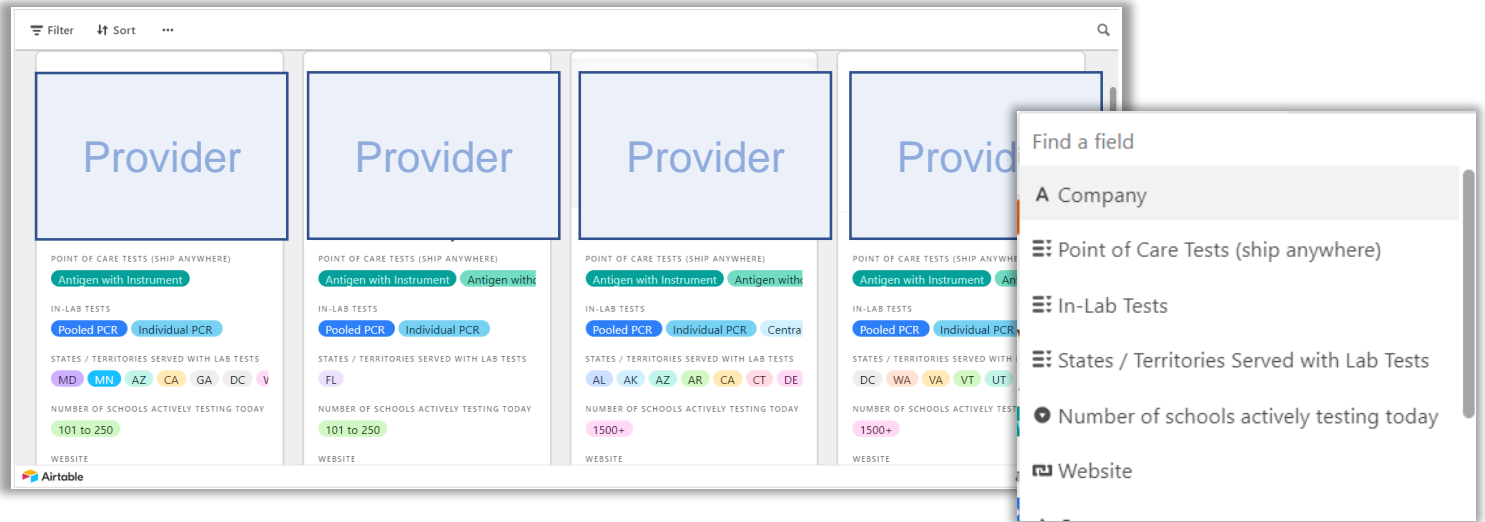
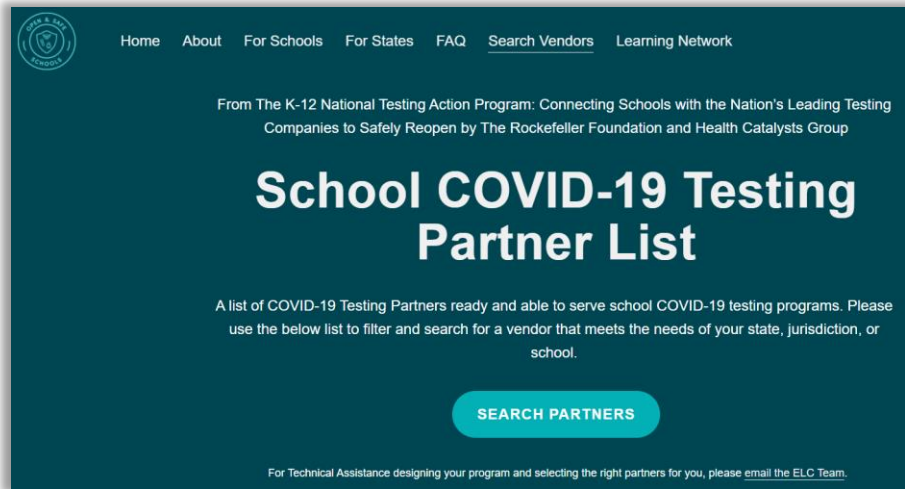
Regional Coordination Hub Websites – Enrollment Pages



# 3. Get Connected with School Testing Providers

Schools received \$130 billion in ESSER funds under the American Rescue Plan, which may be used to arrange for testing and testing-related services. Get connected to testing providers [here](#).

**NEW** ED and CDC will help interested schools make additional connections with their state and / or to help districts set up their own programs using ARP funds. Visit website below to learn more.



*[Open & Safe Schools](#), an external, non-governmental website, provides public health and school leaders with step-by-step toolkits, federal funding options, and vendors they can use to implement and maintain COVID-19 testing initiatives in schools.*

*Use the website to search for vendors, and filter by test type, geography, and number of schools actively testing today*



# 4. Find a Community COVID-19 Testing Site Nearby

Schools may consider referring students, teachers, and staff to community-based testing sites. Find a free community-based testing site nearby [here](#).

**NEW** States may request Federal surge testing units, which can be placed near schools and / or feature dedicated hours for students, families, and school staff.



## Community-Based Testing Sites for COVID-19

Find a Testing Location Near You

Select state:

Select a State

### How to Get a COVID-19 Test

Low or no-cost COVID-19 tests are available to everyone in the U.S., including the uninsured, at health centers and select pharmacies nationwide. Additional testing sites may be available in your area. Contact your health care provider or your state or local public health department for more information.

Visit the [HHS website for community-based testing sites](#) and select your jurisdiction

## Community-Based Testing Sites for COVID-19

Find a Testing Location Near You

Select state:

Maryland

Maryland - COVID-19 Testing Information

Low or no-cost testing is available at local health centers and select pharmacies:

- [Find a health center near you](#). Please call ahead to make an appointment.
- [CVS Health](#)
- [Local independent pharmacies](#)
- [Rite Aid](#)
- [Walgreens](#)
- Walmart in partnership with [Quest Diagnostics](#)

For local testing information, visit the [Maryland health department's website](#).

**Click on a testing provider to find a location near you**