



K12 COVID Testing Staff/Healthy Schools

Use of K-12 COVID-19 Funding for Testing and Healthy Schools

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has granted the Division a no-cost extension for the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Reopening Schools award which enables schools to establish and expand COVID-19 screening testing programs to support and maintain in-person learning.

Identifying Allowable Uses of K12 COVID Testing Staff/Healthy Schools Funding

The purpose of this funding is (1) to employ, or assure employment of nursing and behavioral/mental health clinical staff to work in K-12 public schools related to K-12 testing programs, COVID response activities, and school health program activities during the **2022-23 school year, and (2)** to support the expanded allowable activities as listed below.

Term

- All funds must be spent by the end of the 2022-2023 academic school year, specifically by June 30, 2023, at the latest.
- Final Contract Expenditure Reports are due no later than July 10, 2023.

Non-allowable uses of funds include:

- Purchase of COVID test kits (there are other funds and sources for test kits)
- Construction, renovation, e.g. doors, walls, painting, electrical, plumbing, built-in or installed cabinetry, windows, window blinds, carpet, sinks, curtains, etc.
- Audiometers, hearing screeners
- Vision Screeners, Snelling Charts, SPOT Vision Screener
- Stethoscopes, Blood Pressure Cuffs, PulseOx
- AED – Automated External Defibrillator
- Wheelchairs, Cots, Beds
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Assistive Technology (sound field systems, hearing systems, etc.)
- Security Systems (i.e., door scanners, alert necklace buttons for our classroom instructors, etc.)
- Clinical services, including administration of COVID vaccines.
- Purchase of COVID antigen or at-home COVID tests (covered by other funds)
- Stipends to cover staff time that NOT related to behavioral/mental health or SHAC activities.
- Food or meals unless associated with a training or conference that requires an overnight stay.
- Gift cards or monetary gifts.
- Services or goods to be delivered after the termination date of the contract (June 30, 2023)

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- Honorariums for guest speakers is limited to \$500 per occasion.
- Incentives for participating in professional development.

Allowable uses of funds include:

Year One Allowables (21-22 School Year)

- Newly Hired Personnel (salaries and fringe benefits, temporary staff, overtime, contract staff etc.) to work on COVID related issues (testing, follow-up, reporting, mental/behavioral health) (Note: this contract cannot supplant established positions)
- Expenses associated with hiring of temporary nursing and clinical staff to work in K-12 public schools.
- Supplementation of current part-time nursing or clinical staff salaries to bring to full-time status to work in K-12 public schools COVID related issues.
- Provision of hardware and software necessary for nursing/clinical staff use in reporting, communication, and response for testing and related COVID activities in K-12 public schools.
- Training and staff development for these newly hired staff positions.
- Other minor costs associated with K-12 testing not otherwise covered.
- Supplies (office and nurse supplies), office equipment, furniture for nurses and staff doing COVID related activities.
- Travel expenses.

Additional Allowables for Year 2 (22-23 School Year)

- Behavioral/mental health personnel (including social workers, psychologists, guidance counselors, etc).
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Hygiene and Cleaning Supplies.
- Portable high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) fan/filtration systems or other small items that may allow for improved air circulation.
- Public Health Events, i.e., back to school COVID Events, health fairs.
- Wrap Around Services, for students, teachers, and staff, i.e., mental/behavioral health services (excluding clinical services).
- Expenses associated with assistance and outreach.
- Promotion of vaccinations.
- Honorariums for guest speakers limited to \$500 per occasion.

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