

K-12 COVID Testing Program

*To help ensure a safe and healthy learning environment, your child's school is partnering with **LSU Health Shreveport** to provide voluntary COVID-19 testing for the 2021-2022 school year.*

LSUHS will:

- Provide a registration link for *Color*, the online platform for registration and test results, to school administration to distribute to parents/guardians.
- Visit your child's school each week to swab participant noses for COVID-19 tests. The swab must only go $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch into each nostril, no more invasive than picking your nose. Students and staff will be taught to self-swab their nose, under LSUHS supervision, to collect test sample.

SCHOOLS will:

- Collaborate with LSUHS to determine a good day, time, and place for weekly testing.
- Send parents/guardian the registration link.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS choosing for their student to participate in the program will:

- Register their student for the program through the *Color* registration link where consent for weekly testing, participation in the incentive program, and for test results to be delivered by email and/or text message.
- School staff and students 18 and older choosing to participate must also register and provide consent through the *Color* registration link.

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (LDH) will:

- Provide monetary incentive for participating in the program by giving staff and students \$25 for the first test and \$10 for each additional test. Incentives will be loaded onto a debit card or online debit account. LDH intends to have the online payments begin by midterm.



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