

This message was received from the NYSDOH (Education Constituents Group) on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 6:25 PM

We write to inform you of changes in the survey questions on COVID-19 testing and test results for schools in areas designated as Red or Orange Micro-[Cluster Zones](#) as per [guidance](#) issued by DOH.

Schools in an Orange Zone

For schools in an Orange Zone, a total of 10% of students, faculty and staff who are on-site (participating in in-person or hybrid instruction) must be tested for COVID-19 bi-weekly (i.e., every 2 weeks) following the zone designation. As long as the school remains in the Orange Zone, an additional 10% of the on-site population must be tested bi-weekly (for a total of 20% tested over a 4-week period).

Orange Zone Information

For schools in an Orange Zone, a total of 10% of students, faculty and staff who are on-site (participating in in-person or hybrid instruction) must be tested for COVID-19 bi-weekly (i.e., every 2 weeks) following the zone designation. As long as the school remains in the Orange Zone, an additional 10% of the on-site population must be tested bi-weekly (for a total of 20% tested over a 4-week period).

1) Has your school met the 10% testing requirement (a) since your area was designated as an Orange Zone, or (b) in the 2 weeks since you last reported (if applicable)?

Yes	No	Not Applicable School has been providing Remote Only instruction for 14 days since Zone designation
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2) Enter the date that your school achieved the 10% testing requirement

3) Report the total number of unique students, teachers, and staff who attended school on-site at any point during the past 2 weeks. Each student, teacher, or staff member should only be counted once.

4) Report the total number of students, teachers, and staff who were tested for COVID-19 since a) your school was designated an Orange Zone, or b) in the 2 weeks since you last reported.

Total number tested	Percentage tested
<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text"/>

5) Report the total number of students, teachers, and staff whose test results were POSITIVE for COVID-19 since you last reported.

Test results not yet known	Test results confirmed positive	Preliminary school positivity
<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>

If some test results are not known, you must submit the outstanding test results via the Survey Change Request Form.

Schools in a Red Zone

For schools in a Red Zone, a total of 15% of students, faculty and staff who are on-site (participating in in-person or hybrid instruction) must be tested for COVID-19 bi-weekly (i.e., every 2 weeks) following the zone designation. As long as the school remains in the Red Zone, an additional 15% of the on-site population must be tested bi-weekly (for a total of 30% tested over a 4-week period).

Red Zone Information

For schools in a Red Zone, a total of 15% of students, faculty and staff who are on-site (participating in in-person or hybrid instruction) must be tested for COVID-19 bi-weekly (i.e., every 2 weeks) following the zone designation. As long as the school remains in the Red Zone, an additional 15% of the on-site population must be tested bi-weekly (for a total of 30% tested over a 4-week period).

1) Has your school met the 15% testing requirement (a) since your area was designated as a Red Zone, or (b) in the 2 weeks since you last reported (if applicable)?

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	Not Applicable School has been providing Remote Only instruction for 14 days since Zone designation
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2) Enter the date that your school achieved the 15% testing requirement

3) Report the total number of unique students, teachers, and staff who attended school on-site at any point during the past 2 weeks. Each student, teacher, or staff member should only be counted once.

4) Report the total number of students, teachers, and staff who were tested for COVID-19 since a) your school was designated a Red Zone, or b) in the 2 weeks since you last reported.

Total number tested	Percentage tested
<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value=""/>

5) Report the total number of students, teachers, and staff whose test results were POSITIVE for COVID-19 since you last reported.

Test results not yet known	Test results confirmed positive	Preliminary school positivity
<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>

If some test results are not known, you must submit the outstanding test results via the Survey Change Request Form.

Thank you for your continued commitment to maintaining the health and safety of your school community. The NYSDOH School Reopening Team is here to assist you. To reach us please email:

schoolquestionscovid@health.ny.gov