

Overview of Supplemental Funding for K-12 Schools Participating in COVID-19 Testing Programs

Purpose

The purpose of supplemental school funding for COVID-19 is to offset costs a Missouri local education agency (i.e., public school district, charter or private school) participating in the State's COVID-19 testing programs, including Test to Stay, incurs related to prevention and detection of COVID-19 in the school setting during the 2021-2022 school year.

Eligibility

Any school or school district participating in the State's K-12 BinaxNOW Antigen Testing Program and/or the K-12 Screening Testing Program, or implementing the [State's Test to Stay Quarantine Protocol](#) may request additional funding to support their COVID-19 prevention and detection activities.

[Apply for the K-12 Screening Testing Program](#)

[Apply for the K-12 BinaxNOW Antigen Testing Program](#)

Determining Funding Support Provided

The amount each school/district receives through the supplemental funding program depends on the total population (students and staff) of participating buildings. Schools/districts will receive \$200 per person x population of participating buildings up to \$600,000. Please note the total amount is based on the participating buildings' total student and staff population, not the number of students/staff participating in the testing program. DHSS has set \$30,000 as the minimum amount each school/district will receive. Schools/districts may request less funding, if desired.

Funding Example

A school district has two school buildings participating in the Screening Testing Program. Building One has a population of 300 total students and staff and Building Two has 450 total students and staff. This district will receive \$150,000 (750 x \$200) in supplemental funding.



How it Works

[Apply for the Supplemental Funding Program](#)

Eligible schools or school districts will complete an [online application](#) to receive supplemental funding. Once the DHSS K-12 Testing Team confirms testing program participation, they will start the process to issue the funds through a cost-reimbursement contract.

DHSS expects schools/districts receiving supplemental funding to:

- Comply with the testing program (i.e., screening testing, antigen testing, test to stay) guidance
- Identify a Testing Coordinator to work with the State's Testing Vendor to implement testing (Screening Testing Program participants only)
- Ensure testing team members participate in training as appropriate for their role in the program(s)
- Submit a spending plan prior to using the supplemental funds (see [spending plan template](#))



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- Submit monthly invoices for actual expenses incurred related to the testing program(s) and approved mitigation expenses
- Submit a monthly report that includes:
 - Total number of staff hours spent on implementing the testing program(s) for the month
 - Number of staff members supported by supplemental funding
 - Number of antigen tests conducted through the DHSS testing programs
 - Description of mitigation activities supported through this funding
 - Facilitators and barriers to implementing testing program(s) for your school community

Allowed Costs

DHSS will reimburse the following:

- **Personnel and fringe benefits** for staff assisting with the testing program, contact tracing or other activities related to COVID-19 mitigation
- **Supplies**
 - Personal protective equipment (PPE) – must be evidence-based or recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
 - General office supplies needed to implement mitigation strategies
 - Electronic equipment needed to access the online testing portal or report test results
 - Portable high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) fan/filtration systems or other small items that may allow for improved air circulation – must be evidence-based or recommended by the CDC
- **Other**
 - Costs associated with outreach to encourage participation in the testing program(s)
 - Costs associated with promotion of vaccination as part of testing or contact tracing activities
 - Fees for infectious waste disposal for waste created through diagnostic testing
- **Indirect costs** up to 10% of total budget

Disallowed Costs

DHSS will not reimburse:

- Expenses for items or services already provided by the State's Testing Vendor (for Screening Testing Program)
- Purchase of antigen tests, unless DHSS gives prior approval
- Food
- Incentives for vaccines or testing participation
- Non-evidence-based or CDC-recommended supplies or equipment related to COVID-19 mitigation
- Costs incurred prior to the contract start date

The DHSS K-12 Testing Team will continually monitor spending through this contract. If a school/district needs additional funding, a team member will reach out to discuss needs. The Testing Team designed this program to offer flexibility with how schools/districts use these funds. Please share any suggestions that would help your school/district use the supplemental funds.

Please reach out to the K-12 Testing Team at k12screeningtesting@health.mo.gov for questions about the supplemental support available to schools.