



## New Mexico Schools COVID-19 Testing Program

### Updates and Announcements

**Thank you for registering with the New Mexico Schools COVID-19 Testing Program.** Whether you are still selecting the best testing program option for your school/district or are preparing for your program launch – our team is here to offer support through each step of the process.

If you have questions about the program, please join us for [Office Hours](#) or email [info@nmschoolscovidtesting.com](mailto:info@nmschoolscovidtesting.com).



### Direct Funding Reporting Webinar

Thank you for joining us or registering for last week's webinar on the direct funding component of the ELC grant. The recording and powerpoint slides are now available on [our website](#).

If you asked a question during the webinar, we will contact you individually when we have a response. Scroll down below to find some commonly asked questions. These will also be added to our website FAQs shortly.

Please let us know if there is anything else you need by emailing our team at [reports@nmschoolscovidtesting.com](mailto:reports@nmschoolscovidtesting.com).

[Watch our Direct Funding Webinar](#)

### New PMG Regional Manager

[Keda Neagle](#) is the new Regional Manager for Premier Medical Group in the Northwest region. You can find the updated PMG contact list for all regions on our website.

[Find your PMG Regional Manager](#)



### Biohazard Waste Guidance

All Point-of-Care testing, including COVID-19 testing, requires you to make arrangements with a waste management company or with a School-Based Health Center for biohazard waste management and removal.

The New Mexico Environmental Department has provided a procedure, a list of registered infectious waste haulers, a manifest form and other helpful documents for schools doing their own COVID-19 testing.

This is an allowable expense under the grant, so please save all receipts for reimbursement.

[Read the New Biowaste Management Guidance](#)

## Direct Funding Frequently Asked Questions

*Q: How do I log in to the website to submit my reimbursement request?*

A: Schools and districts that have opted into Direct Funding and returned a signed award letter will receive an email with their login information. If you have not received this email, please contact [reports@nmschoolscovidtesting.com](mailto:reports@nmschoolscovidtesting.com)

*Q: Can I submit expenses from the summer of 2021?*

A: Yes, expenses made over the summer related to SY2021-2022 may be reimbursed, provided they meet all the requirements for allowable expenses.

*Q: Can I average the time spent on Covid for an existing employee to request salary reimbursement? Does it require exact time sheets for the whole year?*

A: You must provide documentation for the exact amount of hours spent on COVID-19 prevention, outreach, mitigation, and response.

*Q: Are stipends for staff members doing COVID-19 testing okay?*

If a school is paying an employee extra money (stipend) this is an allowable cost under the ELC-Reopening of Schools grant, provided that it is related to COVID-19 prevention, mitigation, and response.

*Q: Are jackets for nurses an allowable expense? Similarly, can uniforms for Health Services staff vaccine clinics be considered an outreach material?*

A: No, personal protection equipment is considered an allowable cost but not a uniform.

*Q: Our nurses are doing carside testing. We provided them with cell phones to read QR codes. Would phones be covered?*

A: Yes, if the school is needing the technology to communicate with parents, staff, etc about their COVID-19 prevention, mitigation, and response.

[Email Us your Direct Funding Questions](#)



### Come join us!

Did you know that we hold daily Office Hours at 3:30 p.m. over Zoom? Representatives from DOH, PMG, and Kesselman-Jones are available to answer your questions.

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