**PROJECT COVID DETECT**

**Expansion of Screening to Include Vaccinated Students**

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Due to the rising cases of COVID 19 among children and young people, Project COVID DeteCT is expanding to include all **vaccinated and unvaccinated** in every PK – Grade 12 public, private, charter or approved private special education program (APSEP) within the State of Connecticut. To be included in the free testing program, the PK programs must be co-located within a K-12 building. While we know that vaccination is the best way to protect students from severe illness from the virus, we believe that weekly testing of vaccinated and unvaccinated students will assist schools with isolating students who are COVID positive and reduce the transmission of the virus.

We encourage any public district, private school, charter school or APSEP who is interested in providing free weekly individual PCR tests to students to contact the State Departments of Public Health and Education by sending an email to [schoolcovidtesting@ct.gov](mailto:schoolcovidtesting@ct.gov). Please include the name of the school’s/district’s point of contact, their email address and direct phone line within the email.

Each participating PK – Grade 12 student must submit a consent form signed by a parent/guardian in order to be tested in the weekly program. Participating laboratories who complete the weekly testing request that each participating school have no fewer than 10 students per building whose parents/guardians consent for their participation in the weekly testing.

Students who test positive for the virus should not be included in the weekly testing program until at least 90-day post infection with COVID 19.

Additional information about Project COVID DeteCT can be found at:

### [Project COVID DeteCT - CT.gov](https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwiDhdab_6f1AhXqQd8KHYUeAjMQFnoECAUQAw&url=https%3A%2F%2Fportal.ct.gov%2FCoronavirus%2Fproject-covid-detect%23%3A~%3Atext%3DAbout%2520Project%2520COVID%2520DeteCT%2CProject%2520COVID%2520DeteCT%2520testing%2520program.&usg=AOvVaw2wSWAd95ungZWVRHdBSPvV)

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