

COVID19 Self-Test Kits Available for All Students and School Staff in Connecticut

To help curb the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), the State of Connecticut, under the leadership of Governor Ned Lamont, is distributing a first phase of Self-Test Kits (“kits”) to **all public and private schools** throughout the state. Kits will be made available for Pre K-12 students and school staff. We want to thank you for your continued flexibility and patience during this ever-changing situation.

What is being distributed to districts?

The state will distribute iHealth and FlowFlex test kits to districts/schools for use by students and staff. Each iHealth kit includes two tests and detailed instructions for parents and staff to follow (instructions are available in English and Spanish in the box and will be posted online in [multiple other languages](#)). Each FlowFlex kit contains one kit with detailed instructions in English and Spanish in the box. Generally, FlowFlex kits will be allocated for staff; iHealth kits can only be used for students. Districts will be responsible for distributing their kits to their respective schools, students, and staff.

Where and when will the test kits be available?

Kits will be available for districts to pick up on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. The kits will be distributed to the five Emergency Management Points of Distribution (PODs) across the state. PODs will be open from 9:00AM-1:00PM (see **Attachment A: PODs by DEMHS Region** for identifying which POD is assigned to your town and the location of pickup).

POD locations should NOT be listed publicly, and access is restricted to only school/district personnel. Please make every effort to pick up kits on January 4, 2022. If there is any delay in delivery status, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) will notify you as soon as possible.

NOTE: Each iHealth case contains 90 kits and has the following dimensions: 13.1” x 11.8” x 10.8”. Each FlowFlex case contains 288 kits and has the following dimensions: 20” x 17” x 13”.

How Many Kits Will Each District Receive?

Each district has been allocated a predetermined number of kits based on their total student and staff population. Phase 1 is around half of the total allocation and is based on the current number of kits received. Phase 1 allocations can be found in **Attachment B (attached as a separate document)**; please determine vehicles for pickup accordingly based on your allocation.

How Should Districts Distribute Kits to Staff and Students?

The CSDE is providing these kits to help further protect staff, children, and families. The rapid home tests are to be used to screen those who are symptomatic, to determine who should not be present in school. The test kits are provided to address these 3 needs:

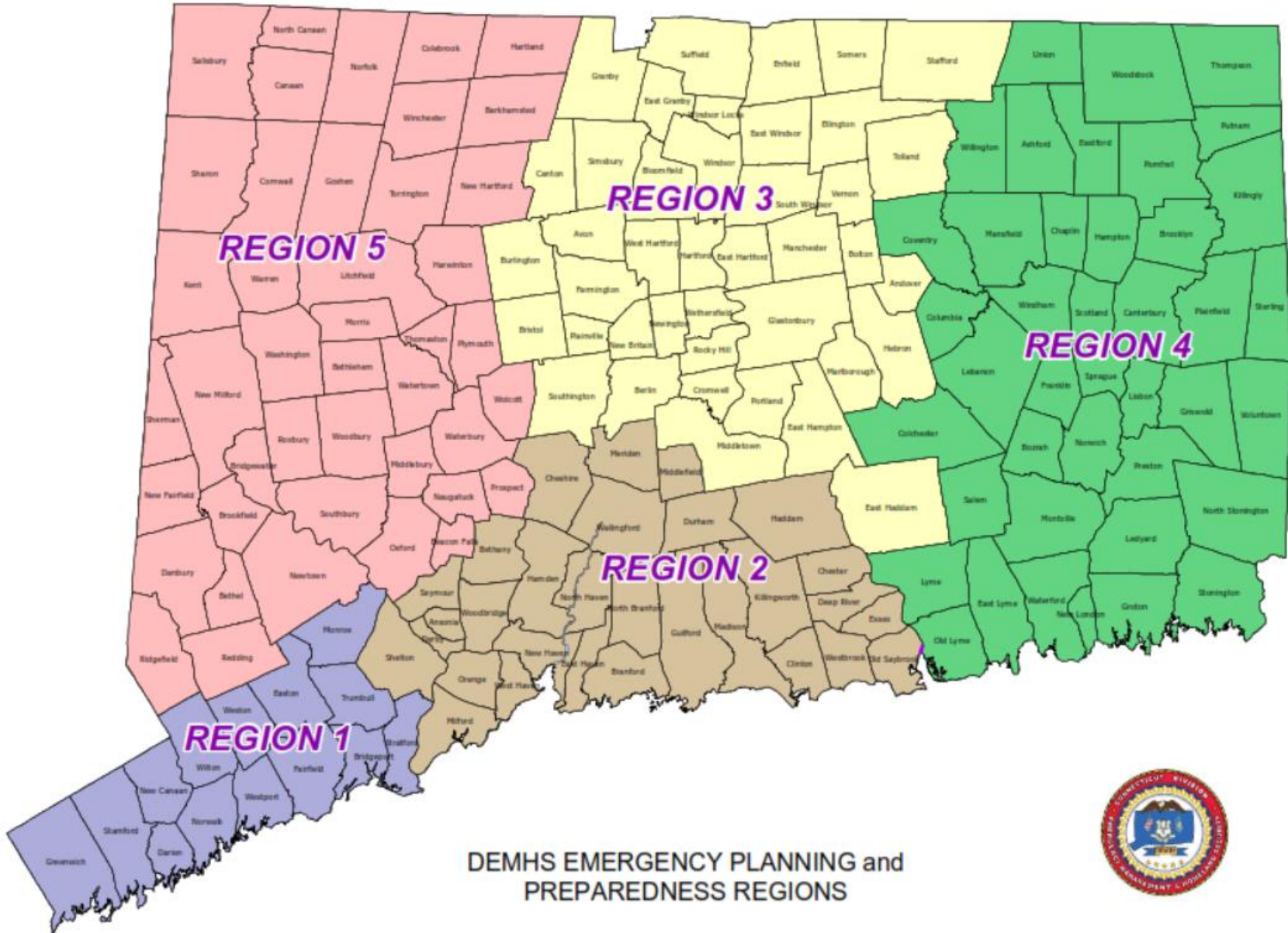
- If a child or staff person exhibits symptoms and needs to be screened for COVID-19;
- If a child or staff member has a direct exposure to an individual with COVID-19; and
- If a class or program is experiencing multiple cases of COVID-19, a school may want to distribute tests to all students in that classroom if they have difficulty accessing tests.

Each district/school will distribute available tests to staff and families based on these needs. For students or staff that have had COVID-19 in the last 90 days, there is no need to test for COVID-19 again. These individuals do not need to be prioritized for test distribution. A Sample Parent Message, which we encourage you to share with families to inform them of the purpose of these tests, is attached in **Attachment C**.

Attachment A: PODS by DEMHS Region

DEMHS Region 1	DEMHS Region 2	DEMHS Region 3	DEMHS Region 4	DEMHS Region 5
POD Address: Fairfield Regional Fire School 205 Richard White Way, Fairfield, CT	POD Address: North Haven Town Hall Annex 7 Linsley St, North Haven, CT	POD Address: Siracusa Warehouse One Hartford Square, East Gate, New Britain, CT	POD Address: Mohegan Sun Expo Center, 1 Mohegan Sun Blvd, Uncasville, CT	POD Address: Litchfield County Fire School,606 Burr Mountain Road, Torrington, CT
<u>Bridgeport</u> <u>Darien</u> <u>Easton</u> <u>Fairfield</u> <u>Greenwich</u> <u>Monroe</u> <u>New Canaan</u> <u>Norwalk</u> <u>Stamford</u> <u>Stratford</u> <u>Trumbull</u> <u>Weston</u> <u>Westport</u> <u>Wilton</u>	<u>Ansonia</u> <u>Bethany</u> <u>Branford</u> <u>Cheshire</u> <u>Chester</u> <u>Clinton</u> <u>Deep River</u> <u>Derby</u> <u>Durham</u> <u>East Haven</u> <u>Essex</u> <u>Guilford</u> <u>Haddam</u> <u>Hamden</u> <u>Killingworth</u> <u>Madison</u> <u>Meriden</u> <u>Middlefield</u> <u>Milford</u> <u>New Haven</u> <u>North Branford</u> <u>North Haven</u> <u>Old Saybrook</u> <u>Orange</u>	<u>Andover</u> <u>Avon</u> <u>Berlin</u> <u>Bloomfield</u> <u>Bolton</u> <u>Bristol</u> <u>Burlington</u> <u>Canton</u> <u>Cromwell</u> <u>East Granby</u> <u>East Haddam</u> <u>East Hampton</u> <u>East Hartford</u> <u>East Windsor</u> <u>Ellington</u> <u>Enfield</u> <u>Farmington</u> <u>Glastonbury</u> <u>Granby</u> <u>Hartford</u> <u>Hebron</u> <u>Manchester</u> <u>Marlborough</u> <u>Middletown</u>	<u>Ashford</u> <u>Bozrah</u> <u>Brooklyn</u> <u>Canterbury</u> <u>Chaplin</u> <u>Colchester</u> <u>Columbia</u> <u>Coventry</u> <u>East Lyme</u> <u>Eastford</u> <u>Franklin</u> <u>Griswold</u> <u>Groton City</u> <u>Groton Town</u> <u>Hampton</u> <u>Killingly</u> <u>Lebanon</u> <u>Ledyard</u> <u>Lisbon</u> <u>Lyme</u> <u>Mansfield</u> <u>Mashantucket Pequot</u> <u>Mohegan</u> <u>Montville</u>	<u>Barkhamsted</u> <u>Beacon Falls</u> <u>Bethel</u> <u>Bethlehem</u> <u>Bridgewater</u> <u>Brookfield</u> <u>Canaan</u> <u>Colebrook</u> <u>Cornwall</u> <u>Danbury</u> <u>Goshen</u> <u>Hartland</u> <u>Harwinton</u> <u>Kent</u> <u>Litchfield</u> <u>Middlebury</u> <u>Morris</u> <u>Naugatuck</u> <u>New Fairfield</u> <u>New Hartford</u> <u>New Milford</u> <u>Newtown</u> <u>Norfolk</u> <u>North Canaan</u>

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	<u>Seymour</u> <u>Shelton</u> <u>Wallingford</u> <u>West Haven</u> <u>Westbrook</u> <u>Woodbridge</u>	<u>New Britain</u> <u>Newington</u> <u>Plainville</u> <u>Portland</u> <u>Rocky Hill</u> <u>Simsbury</u> <u>Somers</u> <u>South Windsor</u> <u>Southington</u> <u>Stafford</u> <u>Suffield</u> <u>Tolland</u> <u>Vernon</u> <u>West Hartford</u> <u>Wethersfield</u> <u>Windsor</u> <u>Windsor Locks</u>	<u>New London</u> <u>North Stonington</u> <u>Norwich</u> <u>Old Lyme</u> <u>Plainfield</u> <u>Pomfret</u> <u>Preston</u> <u>Putnam</u> <u>Salem</u> <u>Scotland</u> <u>Sprague</u> <u>Sterling</u> <u>Stonington</u> <u>Thompson</u> <u>Union</u> <u>Voluntown</u> <u>Waterford</u> <u>Willington</u> <u>Windham</u> <u>Woodstock</u>	<u>Oxford</u> <u>Plymouth</u> <u>Prospect</u> <u>Redding</u> <u>Ridgefield</u> <u>Roxbury</u> <u>Salisbury</u> <u>Sharon</u> <u>Sherman</u> <u>Southbury</u> <u>Thomaston</u> <u>Torrington</u> <u>Warren</u> <u>Washington</u> <u>Waterbury</u> <u>Watertown</u> <u>Winchester</u> <u>Wolcott</u> <u>Woodbury</u>



Attachment C: Sample Parent Message

Dear Families,

The Connecticut Departments of Education and Public Health have distributed self-test kits (“kit”) to all schools in the state to help curb the transmission of SARS-CoV-2.

Kits are to be administered by parents/guardians to determine if your child is negative before returning to school. These tests are not to be used on adults/family members of the school-aged child.

- iHealth Kits: To administer the test, please either refer to the instructions within the kit (instructions in [multiple other languages are posted online](#)).
- FlowFlex Kits: To administer the test, refer to the instructions within the kit.

If your child tests positive, it is essential that you report the positive test result to your school nurse. Children with negative test results who have no symptoms and no known exposure to COVID-19 should return to in-person learning. For additional information about self-tests, please refer to [CDC guidance on Self-Testing](#).

Thank you for your continued dedication to keeping your child, as well as Connecticut residents, healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

<District/school administrator name>

Note: Please revise this communication as needed based on your allocation. Generally, FlowFlex kits will be allocated for staff; iHealth kits can only be used for students. Some schools/districts may receive FlowFlex kits in lieu of iHealth kits for students.