

## COVID-19 School Testing Services



As schools continue to face unprecedented challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic, one of the most effective safety measures is to establish a robust, reliable COVID-19 testing program. COVID-19 School Testing Services from Public Consulting Group (PCG) offer a turn-key testing program that can help school districts optimize safety measures for in-person learning and allow schools to focus on educating students.

Testing is an essential tool to identify persons who are infected without symptoms so measures can be taken to prevent further transmission. Studies<sup>1</sup> have shown at least 50 percent of infections are likely contracted from someone that is asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic. Furthermore, studies<sup>2</sup> find that regular screening testing of students and staff identifies one-third to two-thirds of total COVID-19 cases in the school. This means reduced transmission rates in your district, safer students, and safer staff.

### PCG's Education and COVID-19 Experience

PCG, a leading public sector management consulting firm, has experience working in over 5,700 school districts and more than 51,000 schools providing innovative technologies, in-person and online professional development and coaching services, and tools to support Medicaid reimbursement and improvement of special education case management. Bolstered by its record of supporting public health, PCG developed and deployed effective COVID-19 contact tracing programs to slow the spread of the virus—managing programs in multiple states, including New York, New Jersey, and Ohio—and working with over 200 local health departments on statewide and local COVID-19 measures. The firm leveraged its case investigation expertise to track thousands of exposures to mitigate the spread of the virus. As a trusted partner in both health and education, PCG provides scalable and effective solutions to meet the emergent challenges of the pandemic.

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<sup>1</sup> Oran, D. P., & Topol, E. J. (2020). Prevalence of asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infection. *Annals of Internal Medicine*, 173(5), 362–367. <https://doi.org/10.7326/M20-3012>

<sup>2</sup> Vohra, D., Rowan, P., Goyal, R., Hotchkiss, J., O'Neill, S. (2021). Early insights and recommendations for implementing a COVID-19 antigen testing program in K-12 schools: Lessons learned from six pilot studies. *Mathematica*. <https://www.maineaap.org/assets/docs/US-K12-early-recommendations.pdf>

## PCG's Testing Partnerships

### PCG PROVIDES HIGH-QUALITY TESTING SERVICES THAT ARE



**Well coordinated**



**Responsive**



**Cost efficient**



**Experienced**

PCG is partnering with top-tier laboratories for COVID-19 School Testing Services, including BioReference, a full-service CLIA- and CAP-accredited specialty laboratory with the third-highest volume of COVID-19 testing in the country. With these partnerships, PCG provides high-quality testing services that are well coordinated, responsive to changing needs, and cost efficient for the current and future demand for COVID-19 testing. Our partner laboratories also have experience working with some of the largest and most diverse school districts in the country on COVID-19 testing programs; for example, starting in March of 2021, BioReference worked with Chicago Public Schools to provide on-site teams that test a quarter of the district's consented students ages 10 and higher.

### Determining the Right Testing Program for You

Testing programs can be tailored to reflect your community and meet the unique needs of your district's population, based on community transmission rates and groups with higher risks. In some districts, this might include programs that test 25 percent of randomly selected students and staff weekly through pooled testing, or it may include programs that focus on individual PCR testing for high-risk groups, such as close-contact or indoor sports and extracurricular groups.

PCG's integrated team includes experienced consultants, project managers, and technical experts that are ready to help you build the program that is right for your district. Each testing program is managed through rigorous project management practices to ensure:

- ✓ Precise and consistent communication for all parties
- ✓ Easy-to-use technology and user-friendly access
- ✓ Skilled on-site staff to support students and schools
- ✓ High-quality and accurate testing results

**PCG's COVID-19 School Testing Services provide reliable tests at a cost-efficient price, with tiered pricing offered based on volume.**

**Contact us to learn more about PCG's COVID-19 School Testing Services.**

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