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To: BOCES District Superintendents  
Superintendents of Public Schools  
Public School Administrators  
Charter School Administrators  
Nonpublic School Administrators

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Subject: In-person learning, sports participation and COVID-19 testing (**Amended**)

The Department has received reports from the field that some school districts are requiring parental/guardian consent for schools to test students for COVID-19 as a condition for students to participate in school activities, including in-person learning and extracurricular activities.

To clarify, school districts may not require parent/guardian [consent](#) for COVID-19 testing of students in order for the

