



ECDOH Testing Programs

Final Steps

Who Are You Working With? - ELC Grant School Team

- Lauren Nicholas
- **Project Coordinator**
 - Janine Benkelman
- **Assistant Project Coordinator**
 - Kristen Yansick
- **Testing Coordinators**
 - Amanda Fries
 - Melissa Kennedy
 - Three others TBD
- ECDOH Medical professionals/Buffalo Homecare
 - Assigned per district or floating
 - Will be contacted by Buffalo Homecare directly in the event of a medical professional calling out and a replacement being provided

ECDOH School Team

School Tracing Team

- Head: Olivia Humiston, Public Health Consultant
- When to contact:
 - Notification of a positive case in classroom, school, bus, school sports team, etc.
 - Questions regarding school guidance
- Procedure:
 - Notify School Tracing Team of a positive case OR receive a call from School Tracing Team about positive case
 - Complete close contact template provided
 - Notify parents/staff of exposure and then ECDOH contact tracing will be following up

ELC Grant School Team

- Head: Janine Benkelman, Project Coordinator
- Kristen Yansick, Assistant Project Coordinator
- Testing Coordinators
- When to contact:
 - Questions surrounding grant/testing programs
 - Issues with medical professionals
 - Changes in testing (increases/decreases)

How Testing Will Be Implemented

Surveillance Testing

- 10% of the consented population in a school will be tested weekly
- PCR pool testing, 12 tests per pool
- 12-18 HR turn around time
- ORAL swab

Proximal Testing

- First, contact tracing is completed to identify any true, close contacts. After close contacts are identified, proximal contacts are determined.
- Testing occurs 3-5 days after exposure
- PCR Pool testing, about 12 tests per pool
- 12-18 HR turn around time
- Oral swab

- If a positive is detected in either the surveillance testing pool and/or proximal testing pool, reflex testing performed. Reflex testing determines which sample in the pool is positive.
- School building coordinators will communicate with parents of those tested if pool is positive.
 - If the pool is positive and it is the second case in the classroom, everyone in class will need to quarantine

How ECDOH School Teams Work Together - Proximal Testing

1. School Tracing Team is notified of a positive case, contact tracing ensues to determine infectious period and obtain close contacts (if applicable)
2. School Tracing Team sends case's information, including classrooms they were present in while infectious to ELC Grant School Team
3. ELC Grant School Team reaches out to designated COVID Contact at school to obtain list of classroom roster(s) (if not obtained previously)
4. ELC Grant School Team verifies who has consented from classroom roster(s) for proximal testing
5. ELC Grant School Team schedules proximal testing 3-5 days from the last date of exposure to a positive case
6. Building Coordinator at school sends letter to parent of those consented informing them of proximal testing date (template will be provided)

How ECDOH School Teams Work Together - Surveillance Testing

1. ELC Grant School Team verifies who has consented for surveillance testing
2. ELC Grant School Team randomizes those consented
3. ELC Grant School Team schedules weekly surveillance testing
4. ELC Grant School Team sends list of consented participants to ECDOH Medical Professionals and Building Coordinators
5. School Building Coordinators send letter to parents of those consented informing them of surveillance testing date (Template will be provided)

Testing - Day of

1. ELC Grant School Team sends ECDOH Medical professional and School Building Coordinator proximal and/or surveillance testing roster (consented participants) with any added, or subtracted individuals.
2. ECDOH Medical Professional preps designated testing area
3. School Building Coordinator calls each consented participant down to designated testing area for testing
4. ECDOH Medical Professional collects specimens and transports specimens to Quadrant Biosciences laboratory
5. Janine Benkelman & organizational managers are notified of pool test results

When a Positive Pool Occurs with Surveillance testing

1. Janine Benkelman/Organizational Managers will be notified of positive pool result
2. Janine Benkelman (or other ELC Grant School Team member) will notify the School Building Coordinator of positive pool result
3. School Building Coordinators will contact parents of those tested/staff to advise they ***do not return/ leave the building until reflex testing is complete***
4. Once the positive case has been identified the Building Coordinator will be notified so they can call the rest of the pool and let them know they can return to school
5. The positive case that is identified will be followed up with by ECDOH and contact tracing will be completed

When a positive Pool Occurs with Proximal testing

- Janine Benkelman/Organizational Managers will be notified of positive pool result
- Janine Benkelman (or other ELC Grant School Team member) will notify the School Building Coordinator of positive pool result
- The School Building Coordinator will begin calling the roster of unvaccinated students for that class to notify of quarantine.
- Since this is a second positive in a classroom we must quarantine all unvaccinated individuals.
- *Fully vaccinated students and staff will be called by ECDOH to verify vaccine information. These individuals can remain in school.

Organizational Manager

- Quadrant Biosciences, INC.'s Database
- Has the ability to see who has consented and registered through Quadrant Biosciences, INC.
- Notified of positive pool result and *who* in the pool is positive
- Janine Benkelman and ECDOH Medical staff only

Responsibilities

ECDOH Medical Professional

- Prepares for set up and clean up of designated testing area
- Collects specimens
- Notifies ELC Grant School Team how many tests conducted per day at each scheduled location
- Transports specimens to Quadrant Biosciences Laboratory

Building Coordinator

- Sending letters (If your school chooses) notifying parents of consented participants of proximal and surveillance testing dates
- Notifies parents of testing participants of a positive pool and advise them to not attend school until further direction made by ECDOH
- Call students/staff to designated testing areas
- Introduces ECDOH medical professional to work station/area

ECDOH Medical Professional and School Building Coordinator Relationship

- School Building Coordinators will then escort participants to designated testing area

Daily Procedure for ECDOH Medical Professionals

1. Arrive at school on specific day of the week (determined by ECDOH and communicated with Medical Professional hired by BHC).
 - Schools participating in surveillance testing will undergo testing once per week
 - Proximal Testing occurs after there is a positive COVID-19 case in the classroom.
 - Medical Professional will be notified of a positive case and the ELC Grant School Team will schedule proximal testing 3-5 days from last date of exposure to the positive case.
 - Medical Professional will be travelling between schools in assigned district based on what tests need to be performed on that day.
2. Assistant Project Coordinator and Testing Coordinators will communicate with Medical Professional to compare consent roster.
3. Check in Via phone to Buffalo Homecare Special Projects Coordinator at the beginning of each day.

Daily Procedure for ECDOH Medical Professionals Cont.

4. At school specific testing location, supervise swabbing of participants and assist if applicable
5. Enter participant demographic and specimen information into Quadrant Biosciences data collection system and print labels for specimens
6. Package specimens according to Quadrant Biosciences protocol
7. Communicate daily via email to Assistant Program Coordinator by 2pm with the following:
 - Name of participant tested, pool/specimen #, classroom #
8. Transport specimens to Quadrant Biosciences by 3pm
 - 301 Farber Hall, Buffalo, NY 14214 (University at Buffalo South Campus)

Contact Information

School Contact Tracing Team

- Olivia Humiston
 - Olivia.Humiston@erie.gov
- School Contact Tracing Team Line
 - 716-858-6525

ELC School Grant Team

- Janine Benkelman
 - Janine.Benkelman@erie.gov
- Kristen Yansick
 - Kristen.yansick@erie.gov
- ELC School Grant Team Line:
 - 716-858-1918

Registration Materials

- To register (Must complete both):
 - ECDOH erie.gov/schooltesting
 - Quadrant Biosciences: <https://app.clarifi-covid-19.com/>
- To rescind participation at any time, access website or email covidconsent@erie.gov with:
 - Name of participant
 - Date of Birth

Final Steps

- If you have not done so already or would like to change the following information:
 - Send email to Kristen Yansick at Kristen.Yansick@erie.gov and cc Janine Benkelman at Janine.Benkelman@erie.gov
 - Name of building coordinator (for each school building in district)
 - Work phone number
 - Cell phone number
 - Email address
 - *If there is only one building coordinator for all participating buildings, please provide contact information for a backup coordinator.

Final Steps Cont.

- Building information for ECDOH Medical Professional:
 - All ECDOH Medical Professionals will be equipped with a laptop, scanner, email address and testing supplies.
 - Space should include phone/extension (if possible), desk or table, cabinet/desk drawer that can be used to lock laptop and testing supplies.
 - Laptop and testing supplies will be kept at work station in the event of an absence and replacement professional placed in the building.

Send email to Kristen Yansick at Kristen.Yansick@erie.gov & cc Janine Benkelman at Janine.Benkelman@erie.gov with:

- Name of Building
- Mailing address of building
- Room number
- Building entrance
- Designated parking area/lot

Updated Grant Parameters

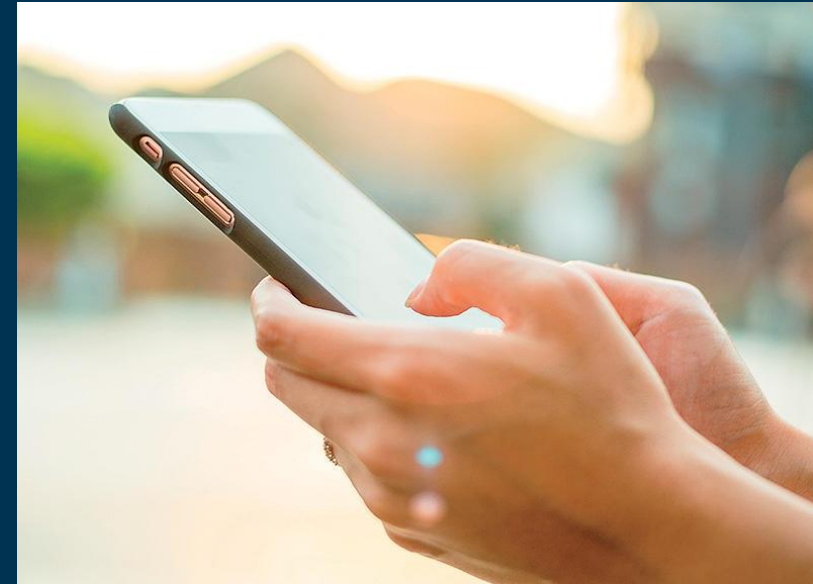
- Pre-K programs are able to participate **IF** they are located in the same school building as K-12
- If this applies to you please email Kristin Yansick at Kristen.Yansick@erie.gov & cc Janine Benkelman at Janine.Benkelman@erie.gov with the following information:
 - Name of school building
 - Pre-K coordinator if different than School Building Coordinator including:
 - Name
 - Work Phone number
 - Cell Phone number
 - Email address

Erie County Resources

- www.erie.gov/covid19
 - COVID-19 Info Line: (716) 858-2929
- www.erie.gov/vax
 - Full schedule of ECDOH clinics
- www.erie.gov/covidmap
 - Data visualization: case counts, ZIP code and municipality maps
- www.erie.gov/covidtestsites
 - Searchable map of diagnostic test locations

How to Stay Updated

- Social media
 - Twitter (@ECDOH)
 - Facebook (Erie County Department of Health)
 - Instagram (@eriecohealth)
 - Erie County, NY Youtube Channel
www.youtube.com/eriecountyny
- Website: www.erie.gov/covid19



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Questions?