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To: Complex Area Superintendents
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From: Phyllis Unebasami *Phyllis Unebasami*
Deputy Superintendent

Subject: **School-Based COVID-19 Testing**

The Hawaii State Department of Education has partnered with the Hawaii State Department of Health to coordinate school-based COVID-19 testing for eligible students, staff, and school communities. These screening testing opportunities, which will assist us in mitigating the spread of COVID-19, are offered at no cost.

There are currently two options available - the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) and Operation Expanded Testing (OET). The Department of Health is currently requesting assistance from the Hawaii National Guard to support OET on our school campuses. Training is also available for school staff to conduct protocols for collecting samples for OET.

Please view the following document for more information about the COVID-19 testing opportunities or to register your school to be a testing site: [COVID Testing Opportunities](#).

Thank you for your continued efforts to ensure our schools are safe for our students.

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c: Interim Superintendent
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