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## Memorandum for Schools Conducting On-Site Clinical Testing

This memorandum is to provide an update on the process and requirements for schools and districts conducting certain on-site clinical testing during the 2022-2023 school year. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) regulations require that any district or school administering CLIA-waived tests, including but not limited to certain glucose, ketone, and COVID-19 tests, must apply for a CLIA Certificate of Waiver.

Districts and schools that were participating in the statewide COVID-19 testing program and did not have their own CLIA Certificate of Waiver had been doing so under a statewide Certificate of Waiver. For the 2022-2023 school year, districts and schools that are administering CLIA-waived tests have been applying for their own CLIA Certificate of Waiver to do so. For districts and schools that would like to conduct COVID-19, glucose and ketone CLIA-waived testing, DPH has obtained a statewide waiver through the 2022-2023 school year. **In order to be added to this waiver, schools and districts must complete [this online form](#).** Districts and schools that have already obtained or applied for their own CLIA waiver do not need to fill out the form or be added to the statewide waiver.

**All districts or schools administering or planning to administer CLIA-waived tests in and beyond fall 2023 must still apply for their own CLIA waiver by March 31, 2023 to ensure transition to their own waiver for the 2023-2024 school year.** Applications should be submitted through the [Department of Public Health \(DPH\) Clinical Laboratory Program](#) by e-mailing the completed [CMS-116 CLIA application](#) to [CLIALab@mass.gov](mailto:CLIALab@mass.gov).

For more information:

- Frequently Asked Questions – General Testing Questions for Schools, Districts and School Nurses, June 9, 2022, updated October 3, 2022  
<https://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/testing/faq.docx>
- CLIA Application - [CMS-116 CLIA application](#)
- CMS CLIA Application [Quick Start Guide](#)
- CMS CLIA [FAQ](#)