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# State Public Health Testing Overview

Based upon recommendations from the Idaho Testing Task Force in December 2021, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare DHW, Idaho Division of Public Health (State Public Health), has adopted the following principles with regards to statewide testing support:

- State Public Health, in conjunction with the local public health districts, will continue to provide testing guidance and recommendations for all Idahoans.
- State Public Health will continue to provide testing (at the Idaho Bureau of Laboratories and contract labs) and material support (subgrants and testing materials) for the surveillance and diagnostic testing of K-12 students and staff, state and privately managed congregate care settings (correctional facilities, veterans homes, and state hospitals), and long-term care facilities.
- State Public Health is not able to provide testing for public gatherings, special events, or to enable travel. The PCR tests previously available through 211 Careline have all been distributed. State Public Health will continue to explore additional testing options and will share as available on the [DHW website](#) and [coronavirus website](#).
- State Public Health is unable to fulfill testing required as part of any federal mandates, if implemented, or the upcoming OSHA Emergency Temporary Standards, except in the case of state employees.