

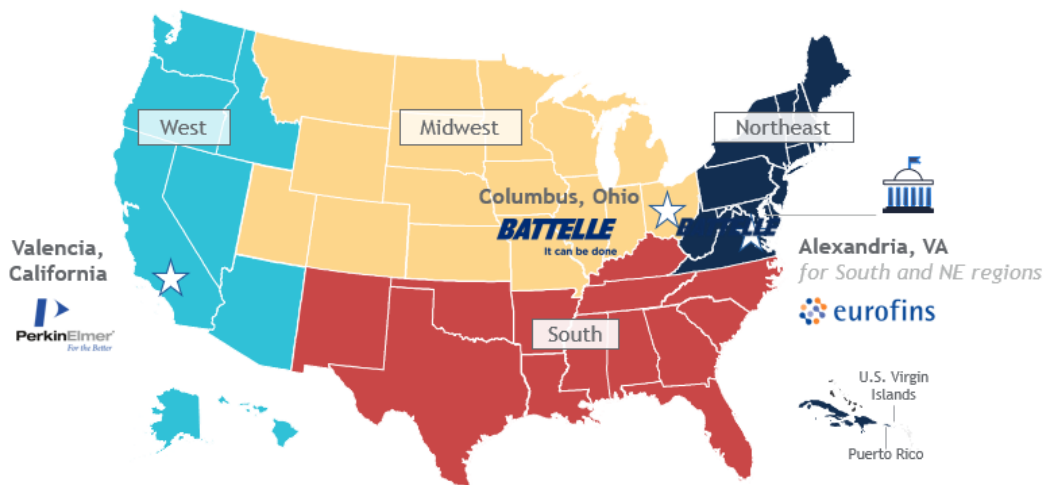
## Operation Expanded Testing

Testing is a critical tool in mitigation strategies for the COVID-19 pandemic. In May 2021, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) partnered with the Department of Defense (DoD) to create Operation Expanded Testing (Operation ET) to expand testing opportunities across the nation. The intent of the federal program is to provide no-cost screening testing for schools, underserved populations, and congregate settings such as homeless shelters, women’s shelters, prisons, HBCUs, and other qualified sites.

Operation ET covers 4 regions of the U.S. served by 3 coordination hubs: PerkinElmer for the West, Battelle for the Midwest, and Eurofins for the Northeast and South. The \$650 million program will provide up to 49.2 million tests to the 4 regions through July 1, 2022. For asymptomatic screening in schools or congregate settings, Operation ET’s testing strategy is ideal using laboratory PCR tests.

A main program objective of Operation ET is to facilitate the reopening of U.S. schools and provide a safe learning environment for children. Testing is offered to enrolled sites through July 1, 2022 to align with the 2021-2022 school year.

Operation ET is a federal resource available to all states and territories and can be tailored to each site’s testing needs. For more information, please contact the appropriate managers in your region.



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