



**On Wednesday, October 14, The Rockefeller Foundation will announce specific guidance for assessing risk and Covid-19 testing protocols in K-12 school settings, developed in collaboration with Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy and Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security.**

## Background

As schools across the country strive to safely return to in-person classes, there is a clear need for guidance on how to reopen safely, including protocols on smart testing that efficiently reduces overall transmission and prioritizes our most vulnerable populations.

A new report, [Risk Assessment and Testing Considerations for Reducing SARS-CoV-2 Transmission in K-12 Schools](#), by the Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy and the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security with support from The Rockefeller Foundation, provides the first application of a detailed framework to provide guidance to America's school administrators on how best to screen for, and stop or reduce the spread of, Covid-19 in their schools. As availability increases for rapid-result Covid-19 tests and supporting confirmatory lab tests, this report can help schools integrate screening tests with other mitigation measures in an effective strategy to protect against spread of the virus at school and in the wider community.

To test and refine this approach, The Rockefeller Foundation signed a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which will send at least [120,000 Abbott BinaxNOW tests](#) to initially support the 5 pilot areas: Louisville, Ky.; Los Angeles; New Orleans; Tulsa, Okla.; and Rhode Island. In conjunction with the Foundation's support for state and local governments to share experiences, and lessons learned through applicable National Institutes of Health RADx studies, these pilots will provide real-world insights about best practices for schools across the country on how to effectively integrate testing into school settings for K-12 students and teachers.

## Our Ask

We hope you will join us in sharing messages from the report to make the case that the K-12 protocols are an urgently needed public good, and will help inform a smart testing strategy that can be scaled & applied across the country to reduce transmission. This document contains social media messages and graphics that can be used to share our new K-12 protocols.

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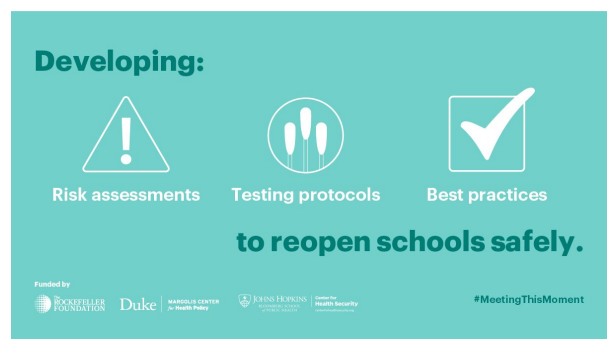
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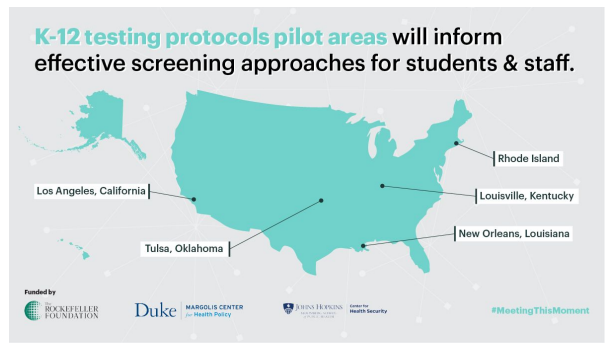
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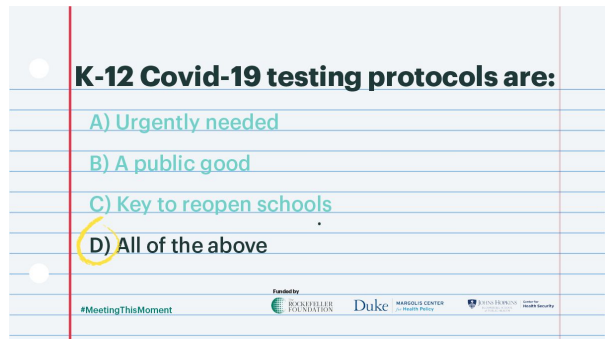
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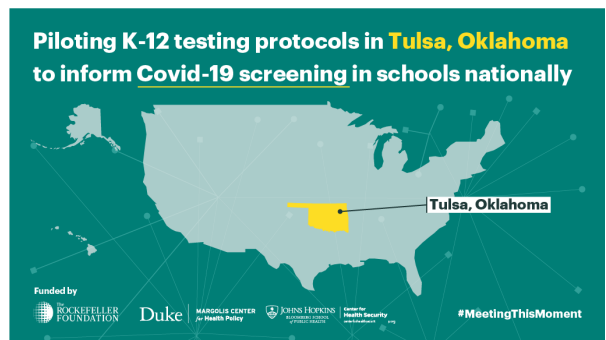
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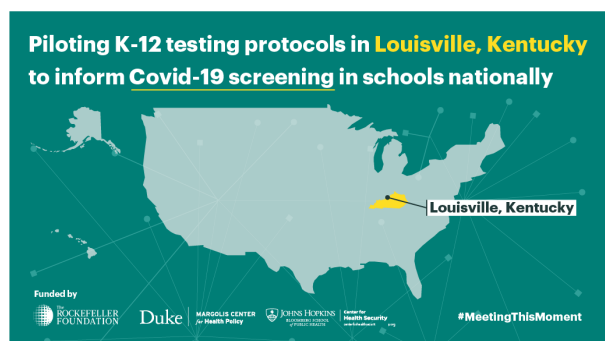
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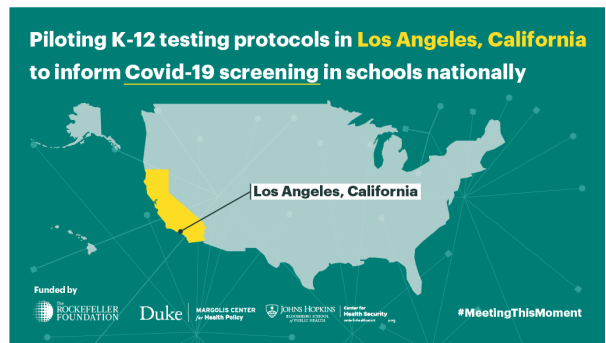
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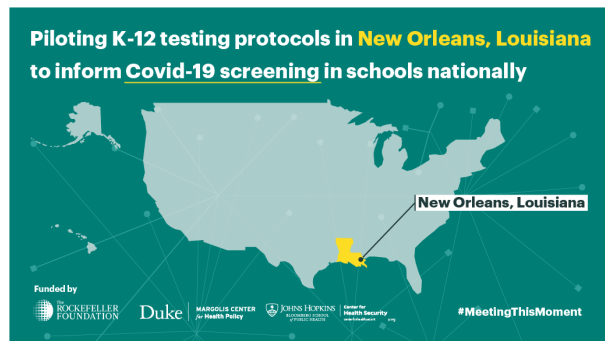
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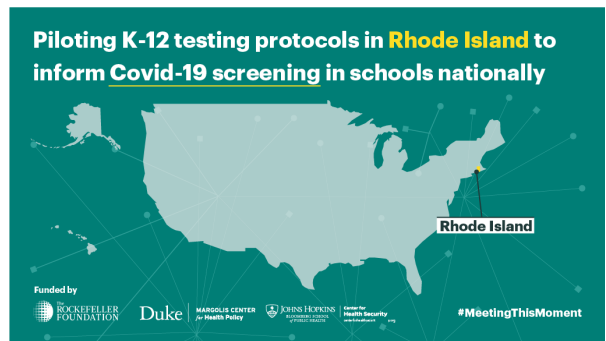
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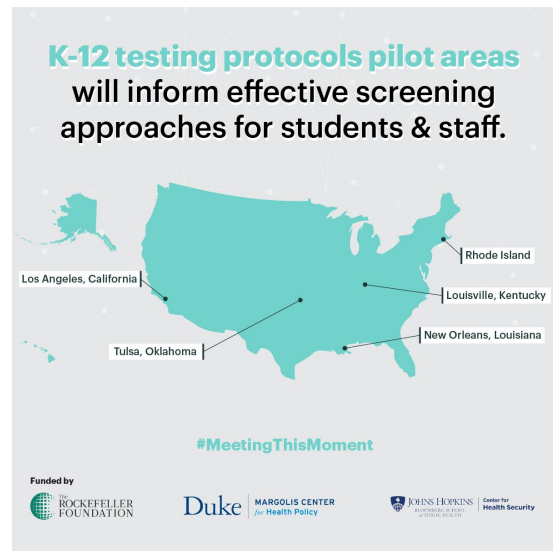
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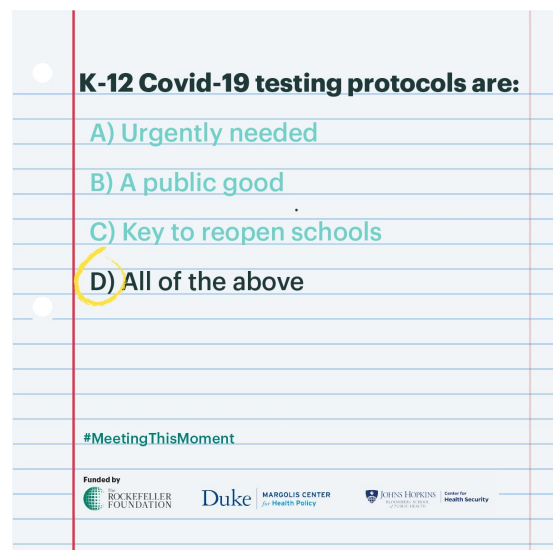
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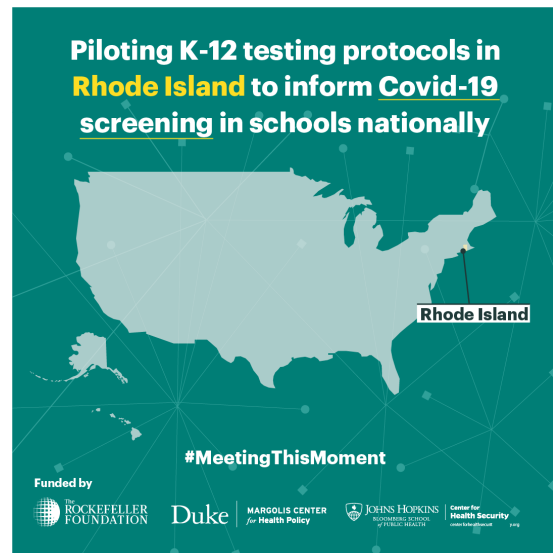
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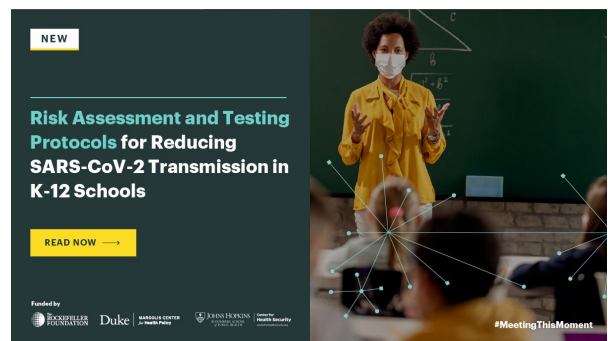


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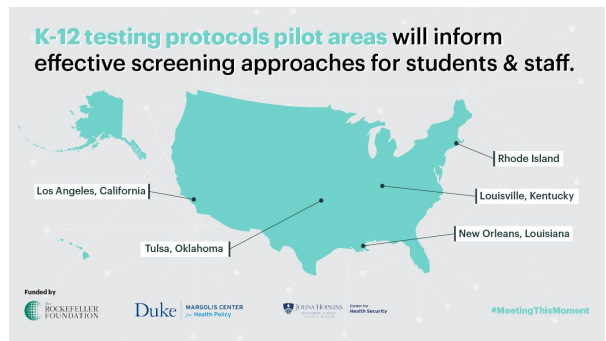
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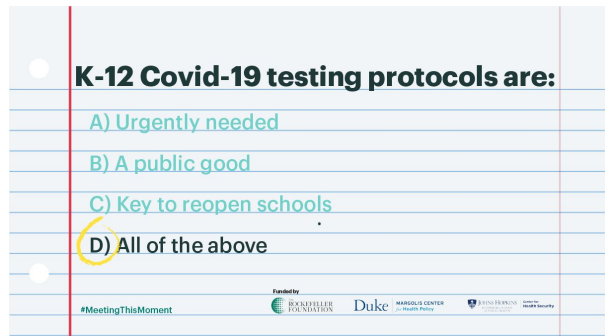
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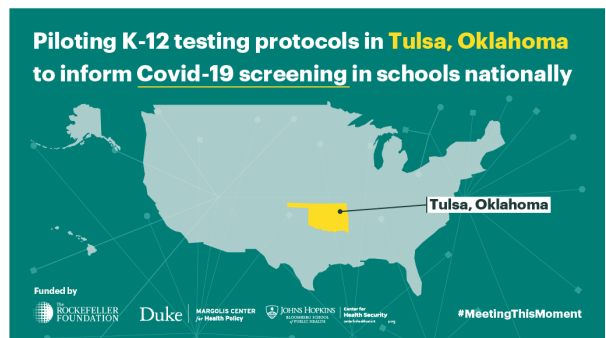
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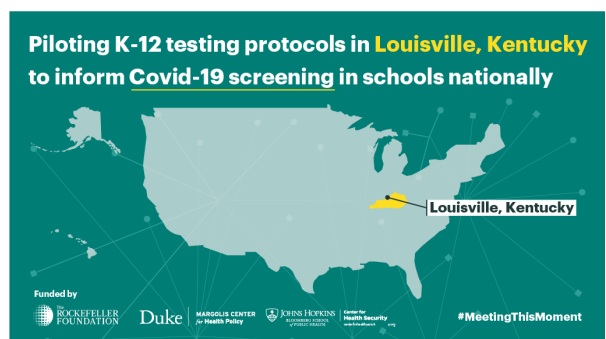
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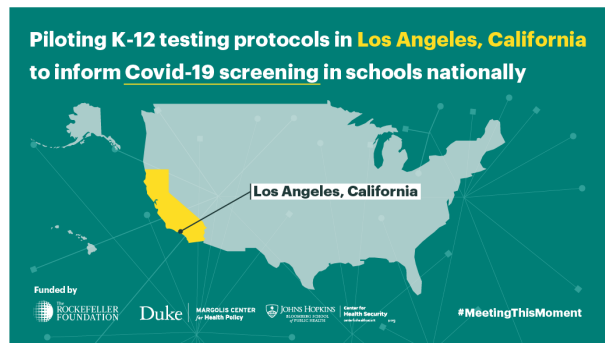
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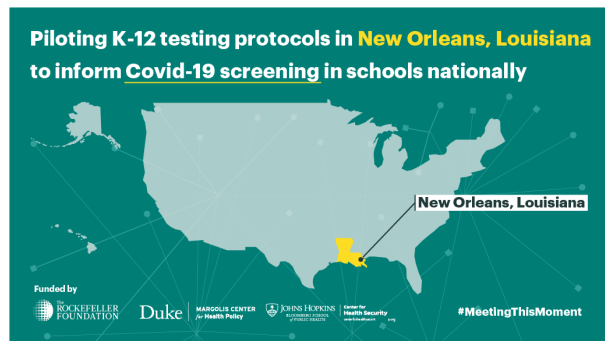
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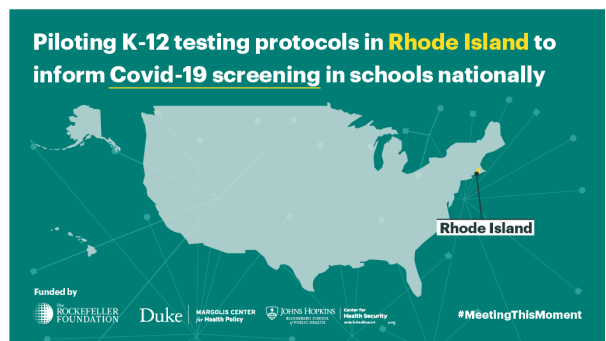
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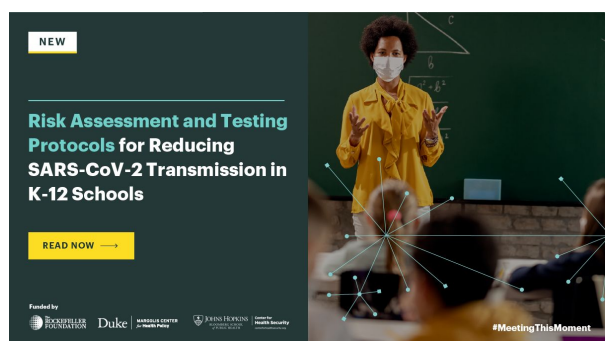
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A) Urgently needed  
B) A public good  
C) Key to reopen schools  
D) All of the above

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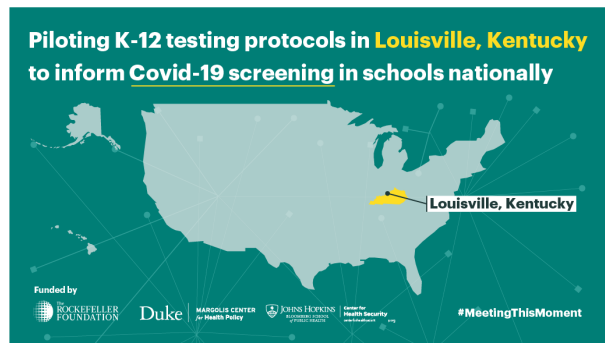
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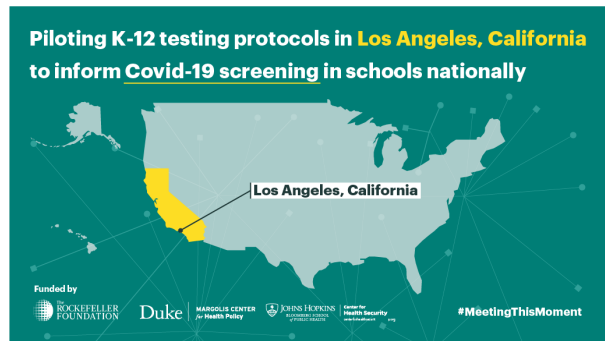
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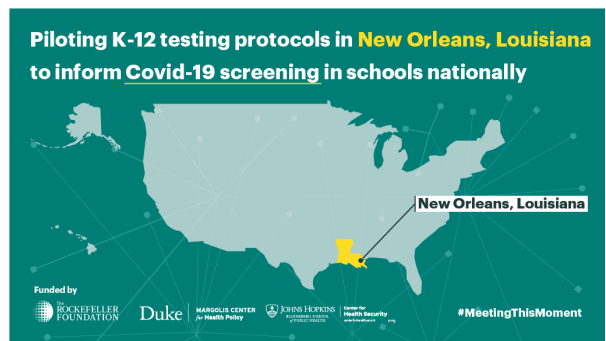
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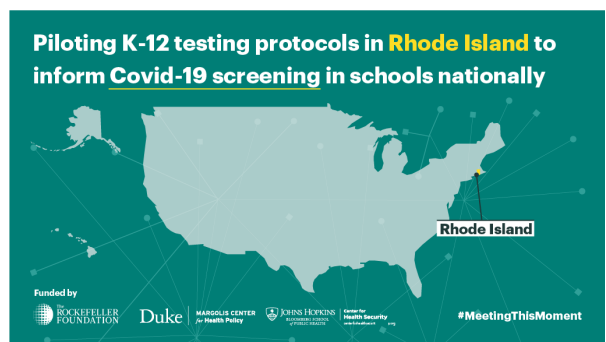
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