

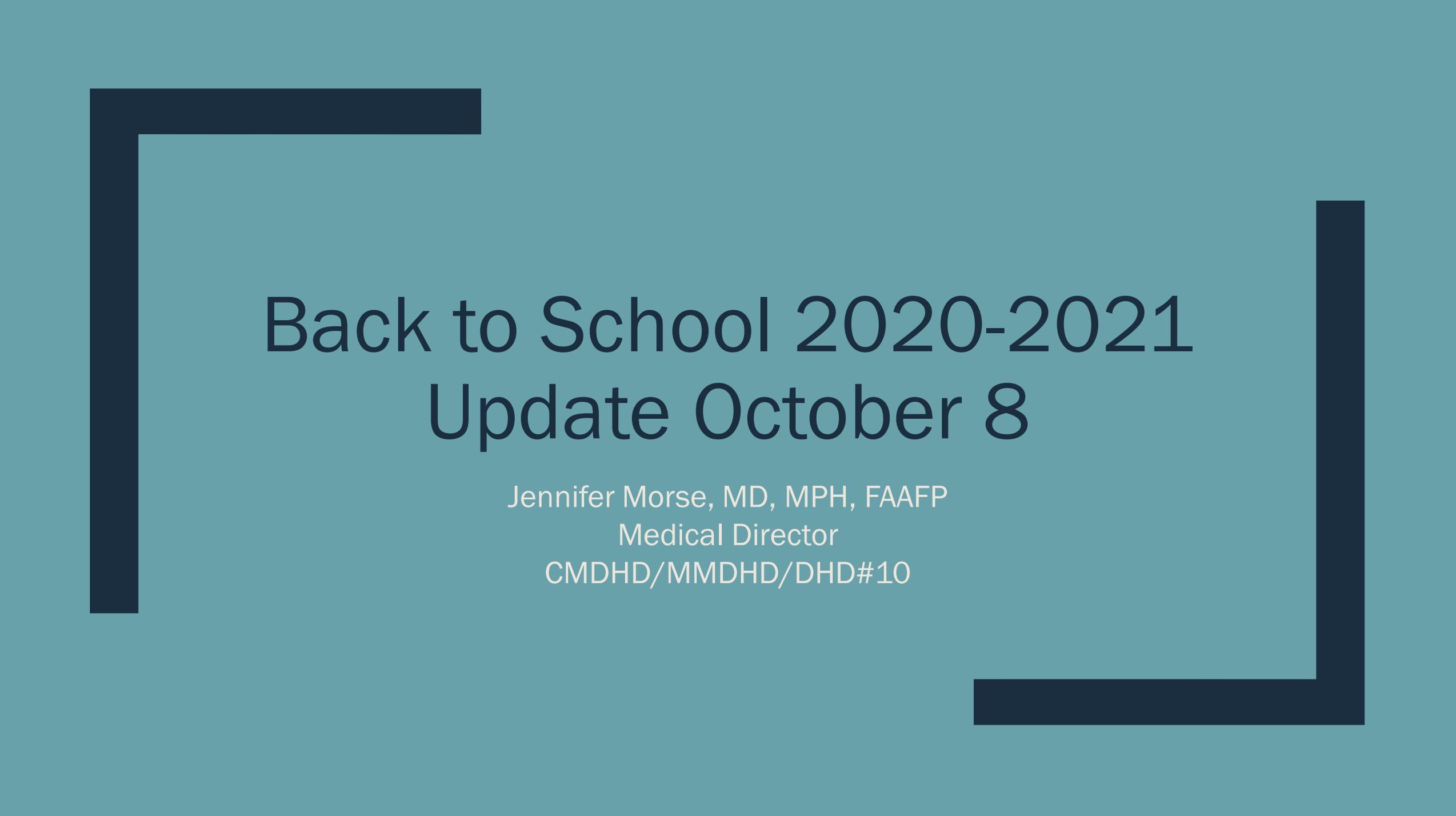
This meeting is for School and Health Department Staff

We have limited time to cover all our topics. The slides and recordings will be available on our websites within 1-3 days.

- <https://www.dhd10.org/coronavirus/>
- <https://www.mmdhd.org/novel-coronavirus/>
- <https://www.cmdhd.org/novel-coronavirus>

If you have questions, please send them to:

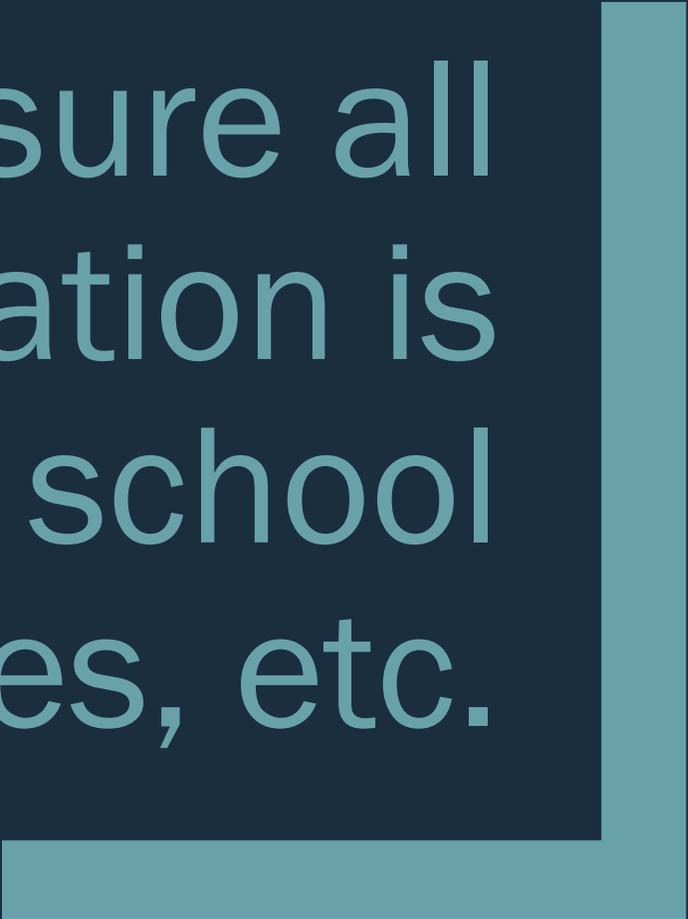
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- For Missaukee, Crawford, Kalkaska, Wexford, Lake, Mason, Manistee, Oceana, Newaygo, Mecosta Counties
 - info@dhd10.org
- For Montcalm, Gratiot, Clinton Counties
 - <https://www.mmdhd.org/contact/>



Back to School 2020-2021 Update October 8

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Please make sure all
needed information is
passed to school
secretaries, nurses, etc.



Review of Data



Counties where symptomatic students should have evaluation prior to return to school*

*Also should have evaluation if any concern for exposure to COVID-19, or at the discretion of the school or family

- Arenac
- Clare
- Gladwin
- Isabella
- Osceola
- Roscommon
- Kalkaska
- Lake
- Manistee
- Mecosta
- Newaygo
- Oceana
- Wexford
- Clinton
- Gratiot
- Montcalm

Executive Orders

- Legal review (<https://micounties.org/wp-content/uploads/Client-Update-re-Executive-Order-Status-final-2020-10-06.pdf>) states the Governor's Executive Orders remain in effect for 21 days after the Michigan Supreme Court Ruling
 - *Executive Orders are in effect until October 23 (?)*
- Continue to follow your plans as approved by your school boards

Emergency Orders Under MCL 333.2253

All orders can be found at https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98455-533660--,00.html

- MCL 333.2253 is a section of the Public Health Code, Act 368 of 1978
- Offers very broad powers and is not limited to a state of emergency (see review at <https://www.yalejreg.com/nc/emergency-public-health-powers-in-michigan/>)
- Gives the Director of MDHHS or local health officers the authority to use emergency orders to, in order to control an epidemic:
 - *Prohibit the gathering of people for any purpose*
 - *Establish procedures to be followed during the epidemic to ensure the enforcement of health laws*
- Violations of these orders are covered in MCL 333.2261, 333.2443, and MCL 764.15(1)
 - *A person who violates a rule or order of the Department or Local Health Officer is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or a fine of not more than \$200, or both*
 - *Individual may be arrested if violation occurs in the presence of a police officer or a police officer has reasonable cause to believe individual has violated rule or order*
- More info on the Public Health Code at <https://www.networkforphl.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Michigan-Issue-Brief-Summary-Authority-Actions-Re-Public-Health-Emergencies-updated-06-2019.pdf>

Emergency Order Under MCL 333.2253 – Gathering Prohibition and Mask Order

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/MDHHS_epidemic_order_-_Gatherings_masks_bars_sports_-_FINAL_704287_7.pdf

- Gatherings are permitted without regard to the size limitations for:
 - *Students in a classroom setting or children in a daycare setting*
 - *Organized sports (those playing)*
 - For sports competitions, live audience is limited to two guests per athlete or:
 - *Indoors: WITH face coverings:*
 - Fixed seating: 20% of seating capacity of the venue (25% permitted in Region 6)
 - Without fixed seating: 20 persons per 1,000 sq feet of occupied room (25/1000 sq ft in region 6)
 - *Outdoors: WITH face covering:*
 - Fixed seating: 30% of seating capacity
 - Without fixed seating: 30 persons per 1,000 sq feet

Emergency Order Under MCL 333.2253 – Gathering Prohibition and Mask Order

- Face coverings
 - *Businesses, government offices, **schools**, and other operations **must** not allow indoor gatherings of any kind unless they require individuals to wear a face covering*
 - Face covering recommended for schools in region 6
- May not assume that someone who enters without a face covering has a viable exception
 - *A business, **school**, government office, or other operation **may**, however, **accept an individual's verbal representation** that they are not wearing a face covering because they fall within a specified exception.*

Emergency Order Under MCL 333.2253 – Gathering Prohibition and Mask Order

Exceptions: the requirement to wear a face covering does not apply to individuals who:

- *Younger than five years old*
- *Cannot medically tolerate a face covering*
- *Eating or drinking*
- *Exercising outdoors and consistently maintain six feet of distance*
- *Swimming;*
- *Receiving a service for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary*
- *Temporarily remove a face covering for identification purposes*
- *Communicating with someone who is deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing and where the ability to see the mouth is essential to communication*
- *Actively engaged in a public safety role (such as law enforcement, firefighters, or emergency medical personnel) and wearing a mask would seriously interfere in the performance of their public safety responsibilities*
- *Polling place for purposes of voting in an election;*
- *Officiating or engaging in a religious service*
- *Giving a speech for broadcast or to an audience, provided at least six feet away from others*

Emergency Order Under MCL 333.2253 – Gathering Prohibition and Mask Order

Organized sports

- Athletes training for, practicing for, or competing in an organized sport wear a face covering (except when swimming) or consistently maintain six feet of social distance (except for occasional and fleeting moments)
- Sports organizers should follow the guidance issued by this Department regarding whether and how a sport can be played safely.
 - *Guidance still states contact sports should be avoided at this time*
https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/Public_Guidance_for_Contact_Sports_701311_7.pdf
- No concessions are to be sold at indoor organized sports, .

Emergency Order Under MCL 333.2253 – Reporting of Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 at Schools

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/MDHHS_epidemic_order_-_school_reporting_of_covid19_infections_-_10-6-20_704340_7.pdf

Starts Monday October 12th

- **Local health department** must
 - *Notify the school within 24 hours of school associated cases (which are probable or confirmed COVID-19 amongst students, teachers, staff members, coaches, volunteers, or any other person who was present on school property or at a school function under circumstances that may result in the transmission or contraction of COVID-19 during their infectious period)*
 - *Provide direct notification to persons who were, or are suspected to have been, a Close Contact of School Associated Case(s)*

- **The school** must provide a public notice to the school community (may include, but is not limited to, parents, guardians, students, teachers, staff members, coaches, and volunteers) in a highly visible location on the school’s website within 24 hours of being notified by the local health department
 - *“Public Notice” means **providing the new and cumulative counts** of School Associated Case(s) of COVID-19, **including the date on which the School was notified of the new School Associated Case(s).***

Reporting Dashboard Template from MDHHS

The following is a dashboard template that schools and school districts may use to provide Public Notice to parents/guardians, students, and others of at least one positive COVID-19 case in a school. Please copy and paste this text onto the school's official website and replace the parentheses that are highlighted with the pertinent information for your school and/or school district.

COVID-19 DASHBOARD [TEMPLATE]

To protect the health of our School Community and per the Emergency Order issued by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services [Reporting of Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 at Schools](#) on October 6, 2020, [insert school name] will use this webpage to provide Public Notice to our School Community regarding School Associated Cases of COVID-19. Within 24 hours of being notified of a School Associated Case by [insert local health department(s) name(s)], this dashboard will be updated to include new and cumulative COVID-19 case counts. Individuals identified as Close Contacts of School Associated Cases will be notified separately and directly by [insert local health department].

Updated: [insert date and time of update]

STATUS OF INSTRUCTION AND SCHOOL-SPONSORED FUNCTIONS

- **Instruction:** [share information about status of in-person, virtual, hybrid, etc]
- **School-Sponsored Functions:** [share information about status of school-sponsored functions]

SCHOOL ASSOCIATED COVID-19 CASES

On [insert Date Local Health Department Provided Notice of new (batch of) School Associated Case(s)], [insert name of local health department] made us aware of the following case counts of School Associated Cases of COVID-19 amongst the [insert school name] School Community. This data may include probable and confirmed cases as reported by [insert name of local health department] among students, staff, administration, coaches, or visitors, if the person with COVID-19 was in the building or participating in a school-sponsored function during their infectious period.

New Cases (Since Last Update)	[0, 1, and above]
Cumulative Cases (Since Reporting Began)	[0, 1, and above]
Populations Affected	[Staff, Students, Both]

As a precaution, we will be disinfecting applicable areas of the school. This may include spraying classrooms, hallways, locker rooms, and common areas, as needed, with a sanitizer, along with other methods of disinfection.

ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE

We recommend taking action to help limit the spread of COVID-19, even if staff members or students are not experiencing symptoms:

- **Wear a mask** (covering mouth and nose) while in public places or if people who do not live with you must visit your home.
- **Practice social distancing** (maintaining a distance of 6 feet apart).
- **Practice frequent handwashing** (using soap for 20 seconds or hand sanitizer with 60% alcohol).
- **Follow capacity restrictions** of social gatherings.
- **Cover coughs and sneezes** with a tissue or with the inside of your elbow and immediately wash your hands.
- **Stay home if you are sick;** you can also [get tested](#).
- **Answer the phone if the health department contacts you**, as a contact tracer may be trying to reach you with important information.

This information does not mean you should quarantine or isolate. Those members of the School Community who were or are suspected to have been in Close Contact with a School Associated Case will be notified by [insert local health department] and/or [insert school].

Thank you for understanding that, due to medical privacy laws, we are not able to release the names of the individuals with COVID-19. We will continue to communicate changes and updates with you. With your participation, we believe we can maintain a safe environment while also providing quality education.

If you have any questions, contact [insert Local Health Department] at [insert Phone]. For answers to your COVID-19 questions, please call the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136 or visit [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](#).

General Notification Letter from MDHHS

The following is a template letter that schools and school districts may use to notify parents/guardians, students, and others of at least one positive COVID-19 case in a school. Please copy and paste this text on letterhead and replace, at least, the parentheses that are highlighted with the pertinent information for your school and/or school district.

(insert Date)

Dear School Community,

As noted on our COVID-19 Dashboard **(insert hyperlink to dashboard)**, on **(insert Date School Was Made Aware of Confirmed Case)**, we learned about at least one School Associated Case of COVID-19 in a student or staff person at **(insert School Name)**. Cleaning and disinfecting of the exposed location(s) **(has/have)** been completed.

(insert School Name) will remain **(insert OPEN/CLOSED)** at this time. We are working closely with the **(insert Local Health Department)** to identify Close Contacts of School Associated Cases of COVID-19. Anyone identified as a Close Contact will be notified by the health department as a part of the COVID-19 investigation process. Please answer the phone if the health department contacts you, as a contact tracer may be trying to reach you with important information.

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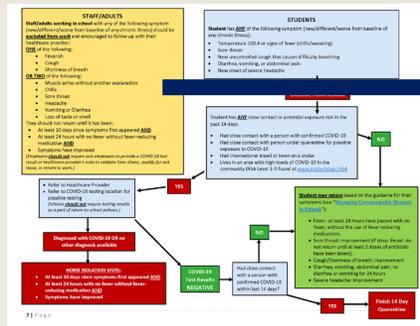
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Sincerely,

(insert Signature and Name of School or District Administrative Official)

STAFF



STAFF/ADULTS

Staff/adults working in school with any of the following symptom (new/different/worse from base line of any chronic illness) should be **excluded from work** and encouraged to follow up with their healthcare provider:

ONE of the following:

- Feverish
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

OR TWO of the following:

- Muscle aches without another explanation
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Vomiting or Diarrhea
- Loss of taste or smell

They should not return until it has been:

- At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared **AND**
- At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication **AND**
- Symptoms have improved

*(Employers **should not** require sick employees to provide a COVID-19 test result or healthcare provider's note to validate their illness, qualify for sick leave, or return to work.)*

Still a lot of questions about this

Staff vs. Student Return to School

- These are the CDC recommendations:
 - *Employees should not return to work until they have met the criteria to discontinue home isolation* <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/general-business-faq.html>
 - *Students who have received a negative test result should be allowed to return to school once their symptoms have otherwise improved* <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/symptom-screening.html>

- Our recommendations follow this. If you choose, you can alter them as you see fit. If you wish to allow teachers with negative test results return to work, you can make that your policy. Some things to keep in mind:
 - *Adults are more likely to be contagious and spread illness than student (mainly younger students)*
 - *The rate of false negative results on PCR test, after exposure have been reported as:*
 - day 1: 100%;
 - day 4: 67%;
 - day 5: 38%;
 - day 8: 20%;
 - day 9: 21%;
 - and then rising to 66% on day 21
 - Source: <https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/full/10.7326/M20-1495>

Symptoms of COVID-19 vs. Strep, Cold, Flu, Asthma, and Allergies Infographic from CDC

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/community/schools-childcare/COVID19-symptoms-tablegraphic-v1.pdf>

Symptoms of COVID-19

Symptoms of COVID-19	Strep Throat	Common Cold	Flu	Asthma	Seasonal Allergies
FEVER 	✓		✓		
COUGH 		✓	✓	✓	✓
SORE THROAT 	✓	✓	✓		✓
SHORTNESS OF BREATH 				✓	
FATIGUE 		✓	✓	✓	✓
DIARRHEA OR VOMITING 	✓		✓		
RUNNY NOSE 		✓	✓		✓
BODY/MUSCLE ACHES 	✓	✓	✓		

✓ Symptom of illness



cdc.gov/coronavirus

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Travel

From CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html> :

- Some travel is higher risk* for exposure to COVID-19. If you participated in higher risk activities or think that you may have been exposed before or during your trip, take extra precautions to protect others for 14 days after you arrive:
 - *Stay home as much as possible.*
 - *Avoid being around people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.*
 - *Consider getting tested for COVID-19.*
- *What activities are considered higher risk?
 - *Being in an area that is experiencing high levels of COVID-19*
 - International destinations with a [Level 3 Travel Health Notice](#).
 - You can also check states, counties, and cities to determine if these areas are experiencing high levels of COVID-19
 - *CDC data isn't for domestic areas; you could utilize <https://globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/> map and consider precautions after travel to any orange or red states.*
 - *Going to a large social gathering like a wedding, funeral, or party.*
 - *Attending a mass gathering like a sporting event, concert, or parade.*
 - *Being in crowds – for example, in restaurants, bars, airports, bus and train stations, or movie theaters.*
 - *Traveling on a cruise ship or river boat.*

Questions?

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