



Guidance for COVID-19 Related School/Classroom Closure

Situation	Action Plan
Positive case reported in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have staff/student report to Health Annex or go home (whatever is appropriate). • Contact trace 48-hours prior and quarantine anyone identified as a close contact * • Complete enhanced cleaning of the classroom. • School will remain open. • Report case to Health Department follow their guidance.
Positive cases in same classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have staff/student report to Health Annex or go home (whatever is appropriate). • Contact trace 48-hours prior and quarantine anyone identified as a close contact. * • Complete enhanced cleaning of the classroom. • Consider closing classroom for 14 days. • Report case to Health Department follow their guidance.
Positive cases reported with symptomatic students/staff in same classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have staff/student report to Health Annex or go home (whatever is appropriate) • Contact trace 48-hours prior and quarantine anyone identified as a close contact. * • Complete enhanced cleaning of the classroom. • Consider closing classroom for 14 days. • Report case to Health Department follow their guidance.
Positive cases reported in multiple classrooms in same school that are unable to be linked together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have staff/student report to Health Annex or go home (whatever is appropriate) • Contact trace 48-hours prior and quarantine anyone identified as a close contact. * • Complete enhanced cleaning of the classroom. • Consider closing the school for 14 days. • Report case to Health Department follow their guidance.

Someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period* starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

** Individual exposures added together over a 24-hour period (e.g., three 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes). Data are limited, making it difficult to precisely define “close contact;” however, 15 cumulative minutes of exposure at a distance of 6 feet or less can be used as an operational definition for contact investigation. Factors to consider when defining close contact include proximity (closer distance likely increases exposure risk), the duration of exposure (longer exposure time likely increases exposure risk), whether the infected individual has symptoms (the period around onset of symptoms is associated with the highest levels of viral shedding), if the infected person was likely to generate respiratory aerosols (e.g., was coughing, singing, shouting), and other environmental factors (crowding, adequacy of ventilation, whether exposure was indoors or outdoors). Because the general public has not received training on proper selection and use of respiratory PPE, such as an N95, the determination of close contact should generally be made irrespective of whether the contact was wearing respiratory PPE. At this time, differential determination of close contact for those using fabric face coverings is not recommended.*

Each positive case COVID-19 will be evaluated and reviewed with the Health Department. Ongoing quality improvement and continuous mitigation strategies will be reviewed.