

DuPage County Health Department

Interim Questions for COVID-19 Outbreak Assessment in Schools

9/19/2020, Subject to Change

1. Has the school **developed or issued communication** notifying students, staff, and families of the recently reported COVID-19 case(s) and public health recommendations/resources? If not already shared, please forward to COVID19Education@dupagehealth.org. Reminder: If DCHD is mentioned in the communication, we ask that schools please share the draft communication with DCHD for review/input *prior* to dissemination.
2. Are there **any other students or staff** associated with your facility who are experiencing **symptoms**, in addition to the initially reported case(s)?
3. **Can you please inquire if the case(s) had close contact* with anyone at your facility during their infectious period (from two days prior to symptom onset [or first positive diagnostic test date, if asymptomatic] through at least 10 days after)?**
***Close contacts** are individuals who have been **within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more** with a person with COVID-19 or have had **direct contact with fluids** from a person with COVID-19 (for example, being coughed or sneezed on, sharing eating or drinking utensils), or have had **direct physical contact** with a person with COVID-19 (hugged or kissed them), or have **provided care at home** to someone who is sick with COVID-19.
4. How many students/staff have been identified as **close contacts**? Have they all been advised (as close contacts) to stay at home/quarantine (except for medical care) and self-monitor twice daily for symptoms THROUGH day 14 after their last exposure to a COVID-19 case? Please also confirm the current total number of school-associated close contacts (students and staff).
5. When were the case(s) **last onsite**?
6. Is/Are they **currently self-isolating** at home? If yes, **through what date** for each case?
7. If more than one case has been reported, can you please inquire if both (or more) cases were present in the **same setting during the same time period** (e.g., same classroom, bus, team, etc.) **during the 14 days prior to their symptom onset/positive test date**?
8. Do we know if **either/any case is a close contact of another case either 1) in school or 2) outside of school**? If yes, which one, or both?

9. Do we know if there is **any other more likely source of exposure for both (or more) cases** (e.g., is any case a close contact to a confirmed case outside of the school setting)?

10. For the cases that **live in other counties**: can the nurse please confirm those cases are reported to the health department(s) where those cases live (e.g., Cook County Department of Public Health, Kane County Health Department, etc.)?