

School District Decision-Making Protocol for Responses to Multiple Cases

PREVENTION MEASURES EXPECTED in ALL SITUATIONS:



Cloth face coverings



Social distancing



Hand hygiene



Cohort students & staff into small groups that remain together over time *as much as possible*

District representatives should contact local health department for guidance, as needed. School & District Action Teams should be formed to serve as the initial response command unit should a positive case of COVID-19 be identified within a school community. The action teams will collaborate with local health authorities to ensure coordinated response and communication efforts.

SPECIFIC STEPS if community spread is:

LOW

Close CLASSROOM 24h
for cleaning & until school has identified close contacts.

- Exclude contacts from the building for 14d
- Reinforce prevention measures

Reopen CLASSROOM

- Restrict events & gatherings

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- NO events & gatherings
- Reduce students/staff present at the same time

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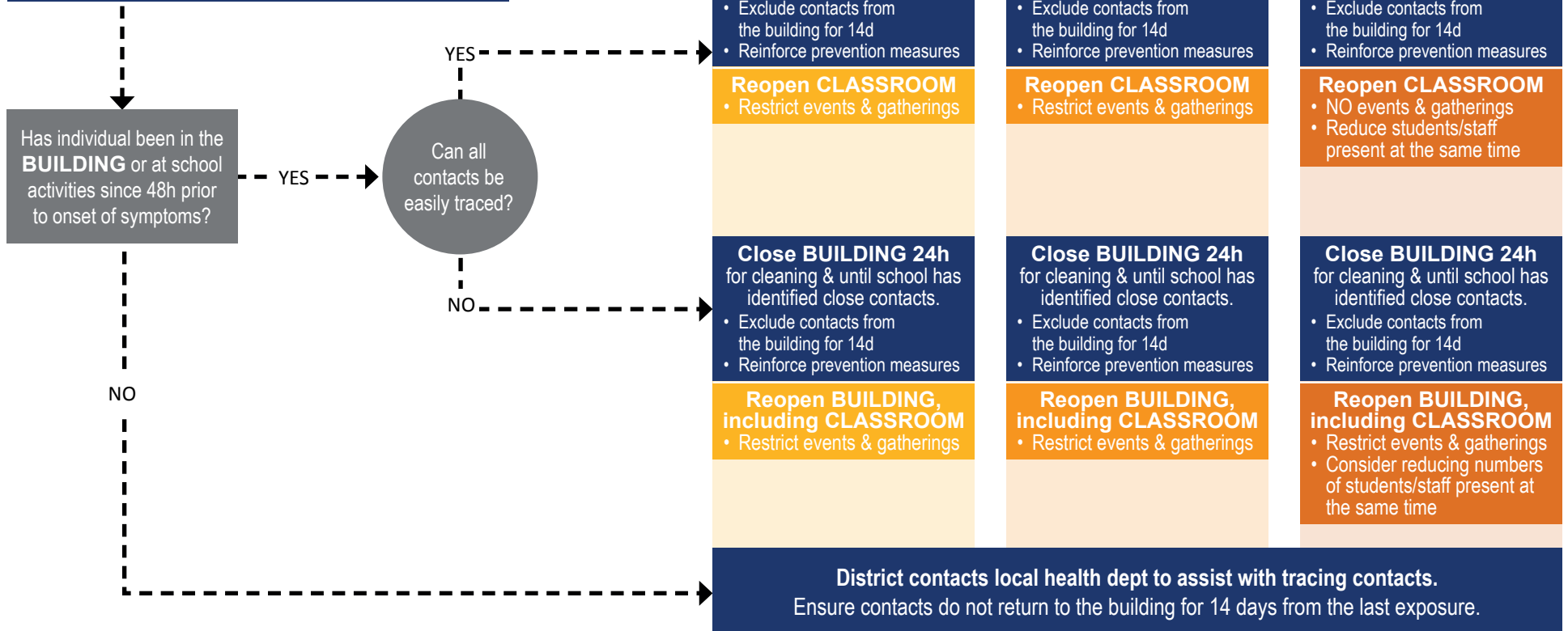
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Reopen BUILDING, including CLASSROOM

- Restrict events & gatherings
- Consider reducing numbers of students/staff present at the same time

District contacts local health dept to assist with tracing contacts.
Ensure contacts do not return to the building for 14 days from the last exposure.

For EVERY identified case



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For two or more unlinked cases
no common classes, close friends, teammates

Refer to “For Every Identified Case.”
See section for management of increasing number of cases within 14 days.

Two or more linked cases within 14 days
common classmates, friend group, team mates, etc (excludes siblings)

Refer to “For Every Identified Case.” Continue with current plan.

Are cases within a physical **CLASSROOM** space or relatively confined area?

Can all contacts be easily traced?

YES

NO

May need to consider 14 day **CLOSURE** of a section of hallway, grade or the entire building depending upon degree of involvement.

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NO

Confident that contacts have been identified?

YES

NO

Refer to “For Every Identified Case.”
If exposure is widespread, consider partial or complete building closure for 14 days.

Seriously consider 14-day **BUILDING** closure if extensive exposure.

Increasing number of cases identified within 14 days

Seriously consider 14-day **BUILDING** closure unless circumstances dictate otherwise.

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Minimum 14-day **BUILDING** closure unless circumstances dictate otherwise.

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