School District Decision-Making Protocol for Responses to Multiple Cases

**PREVENTION MEASURES**

- Cloth face coverings
- Social distancing
- Hand hygiene
- Cohort students & staff into small groups that remain together over time as much as possible

**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

**MODERATE**
- 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

**HIGH**
- Close CLASSROOM 24h for cleaning & until school has identified close contacts.
- Exclude contacts from the building for 14d
- Reinforce prevention measures
- Reopen CLASSROOM
  - NO events & gatherings
  - Reduce students/staff present at the same time
  - Consider reducing numbers of students/staff present at the same time

**For EVERY identified case**

Has individual been in the BUILDING or at school activities since 48h prior to onset of symptoms?

- YES
  - Can all contacts be easily traced?
    - YES
      - Reopen CLASSROOM
        - Restrict events & gatherings
    - NO
      - Close BUILDING 24h for cleaning & until school has identified close contacts.
        - Exclude contacts from the building for 14d
        - Reinforce prevention measures
      - Reopen BUILDING, including CLASSROOM
        - Restrict events & gatherings

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.

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**EXPECTED in ALL SITUATIONS:**

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.

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**For two or more unlinked cases**

- no common classes, close friends, teammates

**Two or more linked cases within 14 days**

- common classmates, friend group, teammates, etc (excludes siblings)

**Increasing number of cases identified within 14 days**

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

**Can all contacts be easily traced?**

**Confident that contacts have been identified?**

- NO

- YES

- YES

- NO

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