

Recommendations for Small (<500 Students) Pre-K to 12 School Buildings Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19

It is important to note that a significant and/or widespread outbreak may require moving to a more remote-based instructional model more quickly. DOH will provide proactive consultative assistance to school entities should such an outbreak occur.

Level of Community Transmission in the County	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:
Low	1 student or 1 staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School does not need to close ● Clean area(s) where case spent time ● Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine 	2-4 students/staff in same school building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Close school(s) for 3-5 days* ● Clean area(s) where cases spent time ● Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine 	5+ students/staff in same school building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Close school(s) for 14 days* ● Clean entire school(s) ● Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine

<p>Moderate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School does not need to close • Clean area(s) where case spent time • Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close school(s) for 3-7 days* • Clean area(s) where cases spent time • Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close school(s) for 14 days* • Clean entire school(s) • Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine
<p>Substantial†</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School should consider altering schedule to significantly decrease number of students on site • Clean area(s) where case spent time • Public health staff will direct close 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School should consider altering schedule to significantly decrease number of students on site • Close school(s) for 3-7 days* • Clean area(s) where cases spent time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School should consider altering schedule to significantly decrease number of students on site • Close school(s) for 14 days* • Clean entire school

	contacts to quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine
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*If case investigations, contact tracing, and cleaning and disinfecting can be accomplished in a faster time frame, the length of closure time may be shortened.

†DOH and PDE recommend a Full Remote Learning Model for all schools in counties with substantial level of community transmission. Schools that choose to pursue in-person instruction or other models in which school buildings are utilized by students and/or staff should follow the recommendations here.

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19