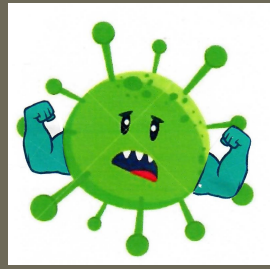




Prevention guidelines: Back to School K-12 Schools



Student/Staff Absences

Schools **MUST** monitor daily absences of students and staff for trends. Sick leave and absence policies should not penalize staff or students for staying home when symptomatic or in isolation.



Handwashing

Schools **MUST** provide opportunities throughout the day for handwashing. To supplement handwashing, schools **MUST** provide hand sanitizer (60%-95% alcohol based) in high traffic areas.



School Visitors

School staff should limit the number of visitors in the building at one time. When visitors are in the facility, ensure 6 foot social distancing is being followed.



Playgrounds

School staff should try, when possible, to maintain 6-foot social distancing among students and staff on playground equipment as well as reduce the mixing of student groups.



Isolation/Nurse Station

Schools should provide a space, separate from the nurse's office, where an individual waits if symptoms appear. These areas should be thoroughly sanitized.



School Buses

Encourage students to wear masks while being transported on school buses. School officials should endeavor to do the best they can do keep social distancing on buses.