

Appendix A: Health and Safety Checklist

Can the school(s) implement recommended COVID-19 health and safety measures?

School Administrators and Staff

The risk of COVID-19 spreading in schools depends on the ability of the school to implement **DOH's K-12 health and safety measures** and [LNI employer safety requirements](#).

Does the school have the plans, staff, space, and supplies to do the following?

- ✓ Protect staff and students at higher risk for severe COVID-19 while ensuring access to learning.
- ✓ Transport or facilitate drop-off and pick-up of students.
- ✓ Group students (required in elementary, recommended for middle and high school).
- ✓ Practice physical distancing of ≥ 6 feet among students and staff.
- ✓ Promote frequent hand washing or sanitizing.
- ✓ Promote and ensure face covering use among students and staff.
- ✓ Increase cleaning and disinfection.
- ✓ Improve ventilation.

Are all staff trained on health and safety practices?

Is the school and health system ready to monitor for and respond to suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19?

Schools and Local Public Health

COVID-19 cases in the school should be expected. The risk of COVID-19 spreading in schools depends on the ability to quickly identify and respond to suspected and confirmed cases and the level of community transmission.

- ✓ Can **the school** ensure monitoring of symptoms and history of exposure among students and staff? (attestation acceptable)
- ✓ Is **the school** prepared to manage students and/or staff who get sick onsite?
- ✓ Does **the school** have letters drafted to inform families and staff about confirmed cases or outbreaks? For other languages?
- ✓ Is there adequate access to testing in the community **health** system for ill students and staff?
- ✓ Is there capacity in your **local health department** to investigate confirmed COVID-19 cases, quarantine their close contacts and assess whether transmission is occurring in the school?
- ✓ Can **local public health** monitor the level of community spread to determine when a change in education modality is needed?



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