**Cook County Department of Public Health**

 **School Reporting Instructions Guide**

# *The following information should be submitted every week:*

**# Lab/Provider Confirmed Cases -** Number of positive COVID-19 lab tests reported

**Notes –** Any information the school would like to provide for us, such as a cluster of cases related to groups such as sport teams, clubs and or other school activities.

# *For School Outbreak- Please note the following:*

# **Outbreak Definitions**

 **Pre-K-12 Schools**

* Multiple cases comprising at least 10% of students, teachers, or staff, within a specified core group\*

**OR**

* At least three (3) cases within a specified core group\* meeting criteria for a probable or confirmed school-associated COVID-19 case with symptom onset or positive test result within 14 days of each other who were not identified as close contacts of each other in another setting (i.e., household) outside of the school setting; AND epidemiologically linked in the school setting or a school-sanctioned extracurricular activity.

## **Daycares**

* Two or more individuals who are laboratory positive for SARS-CoV-2 by antigen or PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) testing

AND

* Are epidemiologically linked to the outbreak setting,
* Have onsets of illness or positive SARS-Co-V test (if asymptomatic) within a 14- day period
* Do not share a household
* Are not listed as a close contact of each other outside of the outbreak setting

\*Because mask use is not recommended for those younger than 2 years old, they must continue to quarantine for 10 days.

# *Outbreak Reporting Guide*

# **Please submit this information as needed:**

## Health Department Notification Date-

* Date school notifies CCDPH (Cook County Department of Public Health) of a possible outbreak

## Classroom Room Info-

* Teacher Name/Grade
* Number of exposures of students/staff in the classroom

## Test Description-

* # Of laboratory confirmed cases
* # Of home test cases

## Time Frame-

* Date of 1st case
* Date of the last case

## ***Definitions***

* **Exposure** Contact with someone infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, in a way that increases the likelihood of getting infected with the virus.
* **Isolation** is used to separate people with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 from those without COVID-19. People who are in isolation should stay home until it is safe for them to be around others. At home, anyone sick or infected should separate from others, or wear a [well-fitting mask](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html) when they need to be around others.

# ***Vaccinations remain the best preventive strategy against COVID-19***

COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States are effective at protecting people—especially those who are boosted— from getting seriously ill, being hospitalized, and even dying. As with other diseases, you are protected best from COVID-19 when you stay up to date with the recommended vaccines.

For more information on COVID-19 vaccines and dosage for children and teens, visit:

* [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Overview and Safety](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/Pfizer-BioNTech.html)
* [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Overview and Safety](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/Moderna.html)

For information on an additional primary dose for children who have a weakened immune system, visit [COVID-19 Vaccines for People Who Are Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/immuno.html).

## ***References:***

IPDH. (2022, July 5). *IDPH &* *ISBE Joint Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in Schools.* <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/school-guidance.html>