

ACCS Corona Virus Worksheet to create a school Infectious Disease Policy School policies (Draft 1)

This worksheet is not intended to be a policy, but rather to help schools develop a policy based on these ideas. We've deliberately made it concise so that schools can quickly work it into a larger, more appropriate policy for their institutions. We are not lawyers or doctors, so please take this input accordingly. Specifically, be mindful of HIPPA laws regarding the dissemination of health information about individuals.

NOTE: These are stated as possible policies, not recommended policies. In other words, they may not be what is best for your school. They are specific to prompt schools to think through the ramifications of such a policy, not suggest the policy.

Consult your state's public health department or the CDC for specific advice and decision trees on dealing with the virus. These change frequently, so they are not included here.

Information

- 1. Symptoms manifest in 5-12 days from exposure.
- 2. Symptoms include cold-like symptoms, or a fever.
- 3. Transmitted mostly by touching a contaminated surface or person and then touching face. Airborne transmission is possible within close distances, especially when coughing or sneezing, or when talking.

Reporting Requirements

- 1. If a student or someone living in the home of a student meets the CDC standard for Covid-19 testing, the student must remain out of school until the test results have been received and everyone in the home has been found negative for Corona.
- 2. Any student that has cold symptoms (sore throat, congestion, cough, or fever) must be kept out of school until they are tested and found negative for Corona virus, if testing is permitted. In either case, remain out of school until symptoms subside.
- 3. Any household with a confirmed case of Corona should/must <depends on law> report the case to the school within 24 hours or before the student is scheduled to come to school. If a student, volunteer, or teacher, or anyone with regular contact at the school has a confirmed case of Corona, they are required to report this within 24 hours and remain in isolation from the school community.
- 4. Anyone associated with the school who has a confirmed case of Corona virus must remain in self quarantine away from the school and its community for the CDC recommended time-period.
- 5. When the school has a confirmed case within its community, the school will notify the entire school which class had the case, but not identify the individual student. Decisions about class closure or school closure will be made in consultation with the appropriate health



officials.

6. When anyone in the school (or some number of people in the school) test positive for Corona virus, the "Active Corona Activity" policies will go into effect (see below).

Misc. Practices

- 1. Consider extending more sick leave for teachers. Consider adding to your substitute list.
- 2. If students become sick at school, designate an area for them to be isolated if possible.
- 3. Arrange for an ongoing way to do partial remote classrooms so that those students out in quarantine can still participate in class. Establish a way for at-home students to participate in classes if possible.
- 4. For schools without nurses (most ACCS schools), consider rotating volunteer medical parents through the school 2 hours per day to observe and help with student and staff management.
- 5. What will you require / request of student vaccination should a vaccine be developed for Covid-19? Many of our parents are resistant to vaccinations, so any policy here will be delicate. It may not be advisable to require it to attend unless absolutely necessary. This should be considered by the board/with a survey before the time comes that you need it.

<u>ACTIVE CORONA STATUS: (or other epidemic infectious disease)</u> (as defined by the school)— the school will go into special abatement mode when indicated by the policies or local conditions when the school enters this status.

- 1. <How often is the school professionally cleaned>
- 2. Until the danger of the virus has passed according to the CDC, the school staff or volunteers will disinfect the following surfaces 3x per day on a schedule: Door handles, door push plates, buttons for entry, light switches, public surfaces (entry tables, countertops, walkup greeting desks, etc.), public pens, drinking fountains, bathrooms (including faucets, towel dispensers, stall door handles, flushing handles, paper holders, and countertops.) In general, any surface regularly touched by more than one or two people will be disinfected.
- 3. Classes, under the guidance of the teacher where age appropriate will decontaminate touchable surfaces within the classroom <3 times> per day using a child-safe disinfectant wipes, when available.
- 4. Toys, balls, and sports items will be disinfected after each class or recess.
- 5. Students will be trained in proper etiquette including coughs, touching each other, washing hands/ hand sanitizer after blowing nose, hand washing in bathroom, etc. Handshaking will be suspended until such time as it is deemed safe by the CDC.
- 6. Field trips will be suspended when they pose a risk to community exposure.



- 7. Sports programs and extracurriculars will be suspended, based on CDC or state health organization recommendations.
- 8. Special courses that may have close contact like Choir or PE may be suspended for a time.
- 9. Develop new procedures for dismissal or drop-off that do not involve student congested areas. For example, rather than a gym release area, have students stay in classrooms until individuals are called from the office (use radios, phones, or intercom).
- 10. Do not have volunteers in the school any more than necessary, especially if they are older.
- 11. If you run an after school program or pre-school, you may choose to cancel or adjust the situation.

School Closures (when will the school close)

- 1. <consider> The school will close if community wide school closures by public schools in the area are indicated.
- 2. <Consider> The school will suspend a class if a case is found within that class community.
- 3. <Consider> The school will close if more than <2?> cases of Corona virus are confirmed within its student body. Cases in homes, but not confirmed in students are not considered "within the school body."
- 4. When a class or school is closed, coursework will continue online using tool>. Students will need an account on there> and this equipment there>.

While, in reality, with the situation changing, cancellations may not follow this policy exactly, it's helpful to have a written form to show parents that you've made informed decisions based on actual analysis, not fear.