Responding to COVID-19 in schools is a partnership between schools and the Chester County Health Department. The purpose of this document is outline the steps necessary to respond to COVID-19 to include:

- Assessing if the individual is on campus, or not
- Assessing if symptoms exist
- Isolating individuals with symptoms and quarantining individuals exposed
- Sending individuals home based upon initial assessment of exposure
- When to submit the COVID-19 Disease Report
- Tracking of individuals impacted
- Cleaning affected areas
School Response to COVID-19 – FAILED HEALTH SCREENING

1. **Individual Failed Health Screening**
   - Is individual at school when screening failed?
     - Yes → Does individual have at least 1 symptom from Group A OR 2 symptoms from Group B?
       - Yes → Isolate & Assess
         - Move individual to school's designated isolation room and assess relationship to others
         - Are ANY of the following true:
           a. Individual is a close contact of a confirmed case
           b. Individual is a close contact of a probable case
         - Contact family for pick up and provide written guidance at time of departure
         - Yes → INDIVIDUAL is a PROBABLE CASE
           - Identify CLOSE CONTACTS to Send Home
             - Identify all individuals who were < 6 feet AND > 15 minutes of the ill individual regardless of face covering on campus and move to school's designated quarantine room, contact family for pick up, provide written guidance at time of pick up, create list of all individuals sent home
               - If entire class/cohort is identified, retain in room (room becomes a temporary quarantine room)
               - If entire class/cohort is not identified, move to school’s designated quarantine room
             - Submit COVID-19 Report and contact list of individuals sent home to the Health Department
           - Stop
         - No → Clean Impacted Classroom/Area
           - Using Routine Protocol
             - If entire class/cohort is sent home, close off room/area and wait as long as possible to clean and disinfect
             - If entire class/cohort is not sent home, clean room/area immediately, and follow-up with disinfection at the end of the day
             - Stop
       - No → Assess using normal school policies
     - No → Remind individual to remain at home and seek advice from health care provider

2. **Health Department Investigation**
   - Update COVID list of individuals and dates for tracking cohorts.
   - Clean Impacted Classroom/Area
     - If entire class/cohort is sent home, close off room/area and wait as long as possible to clean and disinfect
     - If entire class/cohort is not sent home, clean room/area immediately, and follow-up with disinfection at the end of the day
   - Yes → Do NOT submit COVID-19 Report to the Health Department; follow non-COVID-19 illness procedures
School Response to COVID-19 – SYMPTOMS PRESENTING

**Individual is Sick**

- Is individual at school when sick?
  - Yes: Does individual have at least 1 symptom from Group A OR 2 symptoms from Group B?
    - Yes: Isolate & Assess
      - Move individual to school’s designated isolation room and assess relationship to others
      - Are ANY of the following true:
        - a. Individual is a close contact of a confirmed case
        - b. Individual is a close contact of a probable case
      - Yes – INDIVIDUAL is a PROBABLE CASE
      - Identify CLOSE CONTACTS to Send Home
        - Clean Impacted Classroom/Area Using Routine Protocol
        - Stop
      - No: Assess using normal school policies
        - Do NOT submit COVID-19 Report to the Health Department; follow non-COVID-19 illness procedures
        - Stop
  - No: Remind individual to remain at home and seek advice from health care provider

**Health Department Investigation**

- Update COVID list of individuals and dates for tracking cohorts.
- Clean Impacted Classroom/Area
  - If entire class/cohort is sent home, close off room/area and wait as long as possible to clean and disinfect
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**Stop**
School Response to COVID-19 – POSITIVE TEST REPORTED

- **Individual Reports Positive Result**
  - Is individual at school when report is received?
    - Yes
      - Move individual to school’s designated isolation room
        - INDIVIDUAL is a CONFIRMED CASE
      - Contact family for pick up and provide written guidance at time of departure
    - No
      - Remind individual to remain at home and follow guidance from Health Department for quarantine and contact tracing

- **Identify CLOSE CONTACTS to Send Home**
  - Identify all individuals who were < 6 feet AND > 15 minutes of the ill individual regardless of face covering on campus and move to school’s designated quarantine room, contact family for pick up, provide written guidance at time of pick up, create list of all individuals sent home
    - If entire class/cohoot is identified, retain in room (room becomes a temporary quarantine room)
    - If entire class/cohoot is not identified, move to school’s designated quarantine room

- **Submit COVID-19 Disease Report** and contact list of individuals sent home to the Health Department

- **Clean impacted classroom/area**
  - If entire class/cohort is sent home, close off room/area and wait as long as possible to clean and disinfect
  - If entire class/cohort is not sent home, clean room/area immediately, and follow-up with disinfection at the end of the day

- **Stop**

- **Health Department Investigation**
  - Update COVID list of individuals and dates for tracking cohorts.
School Response to COVID-19 – CLOSE CONTACT REPORTED

- Is individual at school when report is received?
  - Yes
    - Does individual have at least 1 symptom from Group A OR 2 symptoms from Group B?
      - No
        - Remind individual to remain at home and follow guidance from Health Department for quarantine and contact tracing
      - Yes
        - Move individual into school’s designated isolation room, contact family for pick up and provide written guidance at time of departure
    
  - No
    - Move individual to school’s designated quarantine room, contact family for pick up and provide written guidance at time of departure
    
- Clean Impacted Classroom/Area Using Routine Protocol

- Submit COVID-19 Disease Report to the Health Department

- Update COVID list of individuals and dates for tracking cohorts.

- Clean impacted classroom/area
  - If entire class/cohort is sent home, close off room/area and wait as long as possible to clean and disinfect
  - If entire class/cohort is not sent home, clean room/area immediately, and follow-up with disinfection at the end of the day

- Submit COVID-19 Disease Report and contact list of individuals sent home to the Health Department

- Health Department Investigation

- Stop
Individuals are considered COVID-19 symptomatic if he/she has:

- At least one (1) symptom from Group A

**OR**

- Two (2) or more symptoms from Group B

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Individuals with a known chronic condition that presents symptoms like those in either Group A or B may be exempt for those symptoms with documentation from a physician.