



STARTING WELL 2020

Webinar for School Superintendents and Nurses, July 8, 2020

Guiding Principles

- Schools will provide face-to-face instruction as much as possible throughout the 2020-21 school year.
- COVID-19 will continue to spread; at the same time, we know more about the virus than we did in spring 2020.
- Schools can take practical steps to mitigate spread while continuing to focus on student learning.
- Schools need to make decisions that balance public health considerations with the known benefits of the full school experience (academic, social-emotional, physical).
 - See American Academy of Pediatrics' *COVID-19 Planning Considerations*

Resources for School Leaders

Department of Education

- New “Toolkit” on Starting Well webpage: doe.sd.gov/startingwell
 - Initial DOE guidance and Reopening Schools Checklist, plus topical one-pagers
- Coronavirus information for schools: doe.sd.gov/coronavirus

Department of Health

- Weekly COVID-19 webinar; get information via DOH's epi listserv
- Coronavirus information: <https://doh.sd.gov/news/coronavirus.aspx>
 - Includes current data by county; working on data dashboards at school level

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>

Important Contact Information

- Request made for superintendent cell phone numbers; those will be shared with DOH
- For education-related issues, call **DOE at (605) 773-3134**, Monday-Friday
- For health-related issues, call **DOH Call Center line at (605) 773-3048**, Monday-Friday
 - Not intended for general public use
 - Questions directed to Daycare, Schools and Universities Focus Team
- Working on process for after-hours calls

Contents: Starting Well Toolkit for Schools

- See "COVID-19 Mitigation in Schools" in Toolkit
- See "School Scenarios" in Toolkit
- See "Infection Control for K-12 Schools" slide
- See "Initiating a Case Investigation" in Toolkit
- See "What if ..." in Toolkit
- See additional resources from DOE, DOH, CDC and American Academy of Pediatrics in Toolkit
- Toolkit located at doe.sd.gov/startingwell

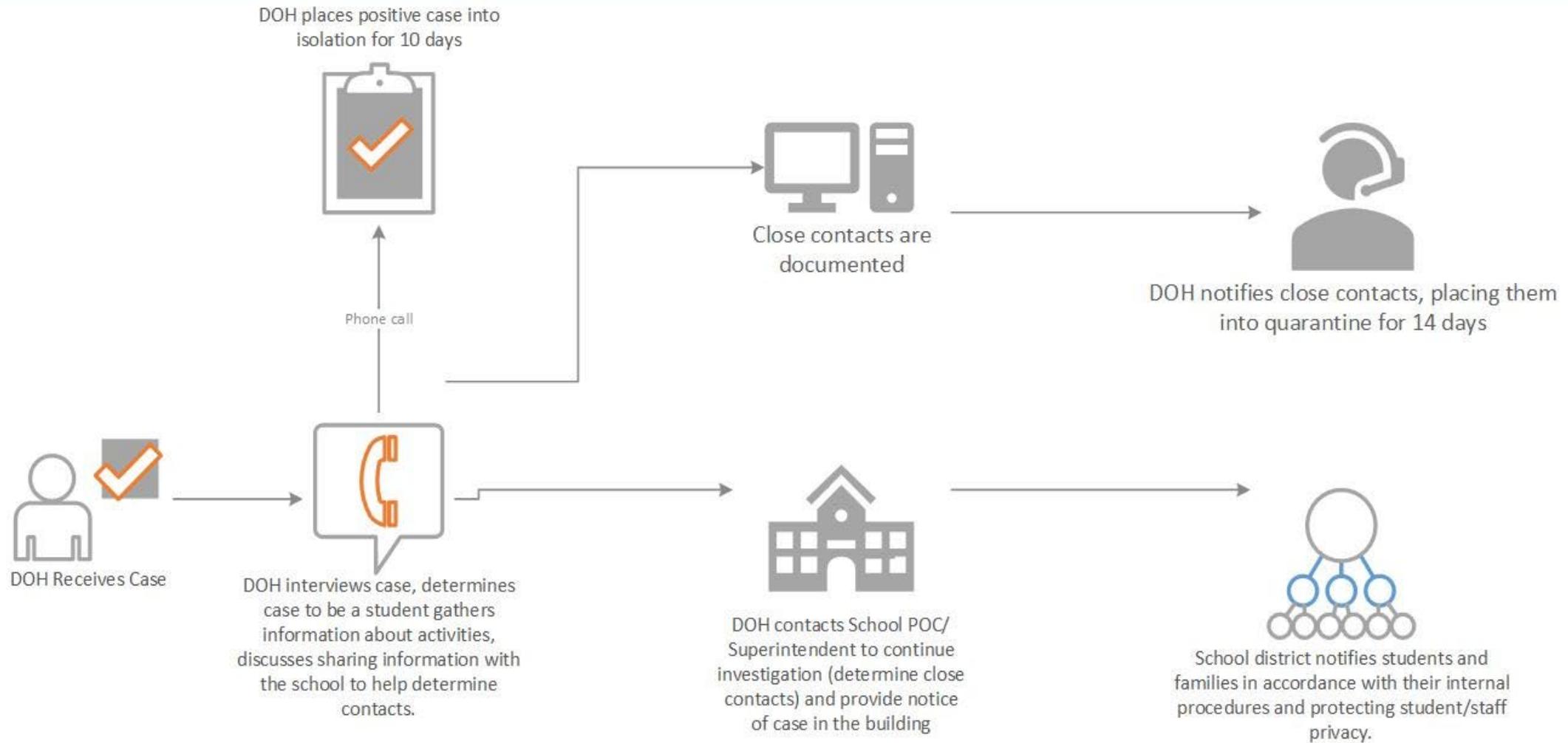
Expect changes, updates – this is fluid situation



Infection Control for K-12 Schools

- American Academy of Pediatrics recommends: "When developing policy regarding the use of cloth face coverings by students or school staff ... consider whether the use of cloth face coverings is developmentally appropriate and feasible and whether the policy can be instituted safely."
- CDC recommends that everyone over the age of 2 (certain exceptions apply) wear a face mask, especially when maintaining 6 feet of distance is difficult.
- Infection Control Supplies:
 - Hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol)
 - Surgical masks, face shields
 - Gloves, gowns
 - Screening thermometers
 - Cleaning products

Initiating a Case Investigation in a K-12 school





Back to School Messaging

- Communications at state level to complement local messaging for families, general public about expectations for 2020-21 school year
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QUESTIONS?

