### COVID-19 Mitigation in Schools

**No cases in building**
- Use preparedness measures
- Ask staff and families to self-screen for COVID symptoms at home. Symptoms may include a fever of 100.4°F or higher, cough or shortness of breath, and a lack of taste and smell.
- If sick, require staff/students to stay home.
- Teach, practice, and reinforce healthy hygiene practices.
- Make common sense adjustments to current practices: desks separated instead of pods, no supply sharing, 6-ft distancing when possible, maintain cohorts of students to minimize cross-over when possible.

**Isolated cases in building**
- All of GREEN, plus:
  - Reassess processes looking for gaps in prevention strategies.
  - Deep clean and disinfect affected areas. CDC recommends waiting for 24 hours, if possible, before cleaning. Once an area is appropriately disinfected, it can be opened for use.
  - Allow for contact tracing. Ensure individual does not return until self-isolation is complete.
  - Communicate general message to families while maintaining privacy. DOH contact tracing will communicate and provide education to close contacts and to positive patient’s family.

**Substantial cases in building**
- All of GREEN, YELLOW, plus:
  - Understand the level of virus spread within your school building.
  - Assess relevant facts to determine appropriate steps:
    - Degree of potential exposure within building
    - Number of cases in surrounding community
    - Grade levels impacted
    - Ability to staff building
  - Consider options such as staggered schedules, blended learning, etc.
  - Engage state’s School Response Team.

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