


Update Training for School Nurses, Administrators and Faculty on the COVID-19 School Toolkit

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Resources for Today

- Back to School Toolkit

– <https://adph.org/COVID19SCHOOL/COVID19SchoolToolkitRevised9.08.2020.pdf>



Objectives

1. Review ADPH Report Card.
2. Review any new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance and updates to the toolkit.
3. Review frequently asked questions from schools.
4. Review isolation and quarantine guidance.

New Information for Back to School Toolkit

- ADPH has made changes to the toolkit in response to the declining disease spread in our state. Please know this document is a “living document” and will change based on the COVID-19 risk/infection rates and CDC guidance.

New Information for Back to School Toolkit

- ADPH is keenly aware of all of the challenges Alabamians face to our physical health, emotional/social well-being, and economic security during this unprecedented global pandemic.
- Thank you to all of the school nurses who work tirelessly to protect the students and staff. We hear you.



- ## Review of Toolkit Changes
- Page 6 – bring own meals
 - Page 9 – Step 2
 - Page 10 – Step 3
 - Page 12 – Close contacts of 2 major symptoms – new cough and shortness of breath or difficulty breathing – no longer need to be sent home.
 - Page 14



How do I find the COVID-19 REPORT Card?

Enter AlabamaPublicHealth.gov in your web browser.

Click on any of the banners/bullets circled in yellow below.

Laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 Case

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) REPORT Card

Reportable Disease/Health Condition Information

Which reportable disease/condition are you trying to report?

What type of case are you trying to report?

Individual with compatible COVID-19 symptoms AND one of the following:

- Member of a risk cohort as defined by public health authorities during an outbreak
- Member of a close contact with a known case of COVID-19 disease
- Member of a close contact with a known case of COVID-19 disease OR a member of a risk cohort as defined by public health authorities during an outbreak

Scenario 1:

I have a laboratory report indicating a student or staff member is positive for COVID-19.

For "What type of case are you trying to report?":

> Select the first radio button

> "A laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 case"

COVID-19-Like Illness (1+ Major Symptom)

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Scenario 2:

I have a student or staff member who has at least 1 major COVID-19 symptom.

For "What type of case are you trying to report?":

> Select the third radio button

> "An individual with compatible COVID-19 symptoms AND one of the following: close contact with a known case of COVID-19 disease OR a member of a risk cohort as defined by public health authorities during an outbreak"

If Reporting COVID-19-Like Illness...

Do you plan on testing the patient?
* must provide value

Yes
 No

reset

Unless you plan on testing the symptomatic student or staff member, the answer to this question will be "No"

Do you plan on testing the patient?
* must provide value

Yes
 No

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If yes, to which laboratory will you be submitting specimens?
* must provide value

ADPH Bureau of Clinical Laboratories
 Commercial Laboratory
 Clinical Laboratory

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If you plan on testing the symptomatic student or staff member, select "Yes" and tell us which lab will perform the testing

Student/Staff Member Demographics

Without patient demographics, we have no way of knowing who is being reported and how to contact them.

Clinical Information

The most important questions in this section for school nurses and administrators are the symptom questions.

Clinical Information (continued)

If you do not know an answer to one of the questions, it is acceptable to select "Unknown".

Underlying Health Conditions

If you do not know an answer to one of the questions, it is acceptable to select "Unknown".

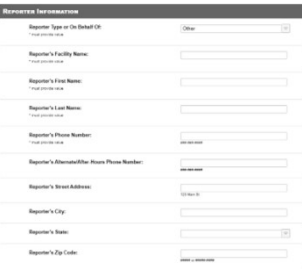
Epidemiologic Exposures

The most important questions in this section for school nurses and administrators are the school-related questions.

Supplemental Information

This section allows school nurses and administrators to upload supporting documentation (e.g., lab reports or list of close contacts, etc.) for the laboratory-confirmed case or symptomatic individual being reported.

Reporter Information



- Select one of the following for Reporter Type:
 - Day care center (environment)
 - Student health
 - Other
- If we have any questions or need to follow-up on this submission, please provide contact information.



Frequently Asked Questions

- Are Teachers considered Essential Workers?
- CDC put out guidance on September 1 that still recommends that teachers that are exposed to COVID-19 be quarantined. If CDC publishes new guidance on this topic, we will follow their recommendation.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Student or staff are a close contact to a positive COVID-19 case – what should school nurse do?

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- New guidance: Student or staff has developed a new cough or shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (major symptom). What should the school nurse do?
- In this case, what should be reported in the ADPH COVID-19 Report Card?

Frequently Asked Questions

- Student or staff have 2 minor COVID-19 symptoms. Should close contacts be sent home?
- Should student or staff be sent home?

Frequently Asked Questions

- If a teacher and/or staff member had a positive COVID-19 test and completed their isolation, if they become exposed to COVID-19 again what should the school nurse do?
- Students/staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 do not need to quarantine or get tested again for up to 3 months as long as they do not develop symptoms again.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Why doesn't a mask protect a close contact (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more)?
- Swiss cheese approach – A mask is an extremely critical part of stopping the spread of COVID-19. However, a mask with social distancing and respiratory hygiene provide the best protection against this very contagious communicable disease.

