

School Outbreak Guidance for Families

Outbreak definition: Five (5) or more cases, individuals with COVID-19, in a school/childcare facility with a known epidemiology link between all five cases. Students or staff who share a household can only contribute one case to an outbreak as their home is likely their source of exposure.

An outbreak does not mean an automatic closure and there is a dedicated team of investigators working closely with the facility to make sure safe practices are in place.

Epidemiology link definition: The cases share the same exposure and/or have had direct contact with one another in the last 14 days.

- Exposures may include sharing a classroom, playing a sport together, carpooling, sharing after-school activities, sharing friend groups, etc.



- Direct contact may include touching, hugging, wrestling, tackling, etc.



Why 5 or more? With increased vaccination rates, the risk of disease transmission has decreased.

Considerations for Temporary Closure and Transition to Remote Learning: School transitions to remote learning will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the local health department (Denver Department of Public Health and Environment-DDPHE). DDPHE will be in close communication with the school/childcare facility if a temporary transition to remote learning is being considered.

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