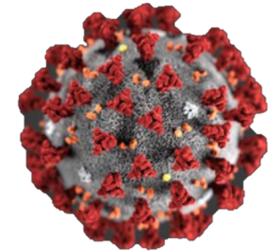


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Resources Update

- New Data Dashboard: <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/>
- NH DPHS Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document: <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/documents/covid-19-education-faq.pdf>
- Toolkit with an Algorithm/Flow Chart is coming
- School Instructional Model Decision Matrix providing guidance based on level of community transmission and local school impact has been drafted

Considerations for Transitioning Between Different Instructional Models

- Guidance suggesting an instructional model based on the COVID-19 level of:
 1. Community transmission within the county in which the school/SAU primarily resides
 2. Impact on individual school facilities
- The following is meant to be iterative and potentially change over time based on our experience and feedback
- Ultimately decisions on school instructional models is up to the local SAU and school board, with recommendations provided by public health based on cases in schools and level of transmission (e.g., if there is a school outbreak)

Defining Level of Community Transmission

- The overall county transmission level should be assigned based the highest level identified by any one of the criteria below.
- School districts should utilize the appropriate county-level data in which their schools primarily reside for the three criteria below.

Criteria	Level of Community Transmission			Data Link
	Minimal	Moderate	Substantial	
COVID-19 PCR test positivity as a 7 day average	< 5%	5 – 10%	>10%	Pending
Number of new infections per 100,000 population over prior 14 days	<50	50-100	>100	
Number of new hospitalizations per 100,000 people over the prior 14 days	<10	10-20	>20	

Defining Level of School Impact

- The overall level of school impact should be assigned based the highest level identified by any one of the following criteria.

Criteria	Level of School Impact		
	None/Low	Medium	High
Transmission within the school facility	Zero or sporadic cases with no evidence of transmission within the school setting	One chain of transmission* (i.e., cluster) in the school	Two or more unrelated chains of transmission* (i.e., clusters) in the school with onset (source cases symptom onset dates) within 14 days of each other
Student absenteeism due to illness	<10%	10-20%	>20%
Resources and capacity to conduct classes and school operations	Normal	Strained	Crisis

* Chain of transmission is defined as multiple infections arising from a single initial infection (the source case) introduced into the school facility with propagation of infection through close contact.

Reporting School Absenteeism

- The tool for reporting your school's absenteeism data can be found at the following website:
<https://business.nh.gov/Influenza/InfluenzaReporting.aspx>
- No username or password is required
- The layout and data fields is likely to undergo some change in the next few weeks
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kenneth Dufault at 603-271-5165 or Kenneth.Dufault@dhhs.nh.gov

Instructional Model Matrix

		Level of Community Transmission (County Level)		
		Minimal	Moderate	Substantial
Level of School Impact	None/Low	In-Person	In-Person	Hybrid
	Medium	In-Person	Hybrid	Remote
	High	Hybrid*	Remote	Remote

** Depending on the concern for COVID-19 transmission in the school and their outbreak status, public health may recommend temporary closure of school and remote learning for a short period of time to control transmission before re-opening in a hybrid instructional model.*

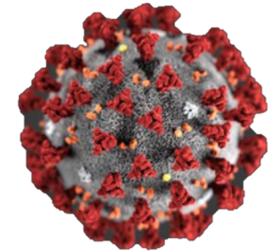
Topic: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- See our Health Alert Network (HAN) guidance for PPE recommendations: [HAN, Update #18](#)
- For outpatient evaluations we recommend having available: gown, gloves, eye protection, surgical mask
- What about aerosol generating procedures on a symptomatic person?
 - Avoid aerosol generating procedures to the extent possible
 - If an aerosol generating procedure is performed, then an N95 or higher-level respirator is recommended

Updated FAQs: PPE and Aerosol-Generating Procedures

- CDC recommendations on PPE use when nebulizers and “breathing treatments” are being performed differs from what we have recommended:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools-faq.html#Administrators>
- “PPE for use when administering nebulizer treatments or peak flow meters to students with asthma consists of gloves, medical or surgical facemask and eye protection” (CDC guidance)

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