

# **Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19**

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The language below are excerpts from the Department of Education website regarding recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19. The full document can be found [on the PA Department of Education website](#). Currently, Allegheny County has been in the substantial range for a two-week period ending November 26. NASD active COVID-19 case counts can be found [on the NA website](#). Please note, in some cases, notification may be less than 24 hours when a school is required to go remote due to these guidelines.

## Recommendations for Small (<500 Students) Pre-K to 12 School Buildings Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19

### **NASD Schools in this category: BWE, FES, HES, IES, PES, CMS, IMS**

It is important to note that a significant and/or widespread outbreak may require moving to a more remote-based instructional model more quickly. DOH will provide proactive consultative assistance to school entities should such an outbreak occur.

	<b>Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:</b>  1 student or 1 staff	<b>Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:</b>  2-4 students/staff in same school building	<b>Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:</b>  5+ students/staff in same school building
<b>Low</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School does not need to close</li> <li>Clean area(s) where case spent time</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close school(s) for 3-5 days</li> <li>Clean area(s) where cases spent time</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close school(s) for 14 days</li> <li>Clean entire school(s)</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>
<b>Moderate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School does not need to close</li> <li>Clean area(s) where case spent time</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close school(s) for 3-7 days</li> <li>Clean area(s) where cases spent time</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close school(s) for 14 days</li> <li>Clean entire school(s)</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>
<b>Substantial</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School should consider altering schedule to significantly decrease number of students on site</li> <li>Clean area(s) where case spent time</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School should consider altering schedule to significantly decrease number of students on site</li> <li>Close school(s) for 3-7 days</li> <li>Clean area(s) where cases spent time</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School should consider altering schedule to significantly decrease number of students on site</li> <li>Close school(s) for 14 days</li> <li>Clean entire school</li> <li>Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>

**Recommendations for Medium (500-900 students) Pre-K to 12 School Buildings**  
**Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19**

**NASD Schools in this category: MES, MCK, MMS**

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	<b>Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:</b>  1-3 students or staff	<b>Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:</b>  4-6 students/staff in same school building	<b>Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:</b>  7+ students/staff in same school building
<b>Low</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School does not need to close</li> <li>• Clean area(s) where case spent time</li> <li>• Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close school(s) for 3-5 days</li> <li>• Clean area(s) where cases spent time</li> <li>• Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close school(s) for 14 days</li> <li>• Clean entire school(s)</li> <li>• Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>
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**Recommendations for Large (>900 students) Pre-K to 12 School Buildings**  
**Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19**

**NASD Schools in this category: NAI and NASH**

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	<b>Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:</b>  1-5 students or staff	<b>Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:</b>  6-10 students/staff in same school building	<b>Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:</b>  11+ students/staff in same school building
<b>Low</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School does not need to close</li> <li>• Clean area(s) where case spent time</li> <li>• Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close school(s) for 3-5 days</li> <li>• Clean area(s) where cases spent time</li> <li>• Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close school(s) for 14 days</li> <li>• Clean entire school(s)</li> <li>• Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>
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