

2.05 Contact Tracing

Contact Tracing Assessing and informing those with potential exposure is a fundamental control strategy for minimizing spread within a group or camp population. CDC defines close contact as interactions within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes.

In an effort to determine the potential or confirmed case's contacts with other students or staff members over the previous two or more days, the district will assist the local Department of Health including notification of potential contacts, such as students, staff or visitors who had close contact with the individual, while maintaining confidentiality required by state and federal law and regulations.

- School health staff will utilize general principles of contact tracing to begin closely monitoring other potentially exposed individuals.
- Health staff will receive awareness contact tracing training

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- Responsible Parties must include a process in their plan if/when COVID-19 cases are discovered at school, including closing areas or classes where individuals were infected or more broadly the entire school in consultation with the local health department.
- Responsible Parties may choose to modify operations prior to instituting school-wide closures to help mitigate a rise in cases.

¹⁹ DOH, pg 21 - School Districts will identify clearly defined measures that will serve as warning signs that the level of COVID-19 transmission may be increasing in the school setting beyond an acceptable level, as defined by state and local health departments.