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“Guidelines for the Prevention,
Investigation, and Control of
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Moving Between Learning Environments

The District will work closely with the local (county) health department to determine the least disruptive level of temporary closure or dismissal needed, or transition to off-site learning, to halt outbreak transmission. Instruction should continue through all off-site learning methods, and can resume in-person (but physically distanced) instruction as soon as safely feasible.

The District and local health departments can use the following framework for decisions on moving between various learning environments. However, this is not an exhaustive list, and does not include all factors needing consideration in any given situation.

Classrooms and Cohorts

The District and local health department may consider temporarily halting in-person instruction in an individual classroom or student cohort when:

- *Individual classrooms need to be cleaned and disinfected and no additional rooms are available.
- *Contact tracing is being conducted to identify close contacts and additional cases within the classroom/cohort especially when multiple cases need to be traced.
- *Other outbreak mitigation measures were implemented, and were ineffectual at halting transmission between classmates.
- *A teacher is absent, and a substitute teacher cannot be hired for the full length of the anticipated absence.
- *A greater number of students in the classroom are absent than present.

Individual Schools

School administrators and local and tribal public health officials should consider temporarily halting in-person instruction in an individual school when:

- *The number of absences among teachers or school staff is impeding student instruction, ability to provide student lunch, or other vital school functions.
- *A greater number of classrooms or student cohorts are absent than present.
- *School-wide cleaning and disinfection needs to be conducted.
- *Contact tracing is being conducted to identify close contacts and additional cases from multiple classrooms/cohorts especially when multiple cases need to be traced.
- *Other outbreak mitigation measures were implemented, and were ineffectual at halting transmission between classmates.

School Districts

School administrators and public health officials should consider temporarily halting in-person instruction across a school district when:

- *The local, county, state or the federal government recommend closure.
- *The number of absences among school and district staff is impeding vital district functions.
- *Contact tracing is being conducted to identify close contacts and additional cases from multiple schools (for example, in response to a large outbreak linked to a multi-school sporting event).
- *Other outbreak mitigation measures were implemented, and were ineffectual at halting transmission at schools in the district.