

Sangamon County Department of Public Health

Brief Recommendations for Schools K-12

If a parent/student calls ahead and reports a history of travel to one of the affected geographic locations within the last 14 days and has concerning symptoms, collect detailed history over the phone and contact the Sangamon County Health Department immediately at **217-321-2606 (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. M-F)**.

Without presumptive case of COVID19

If a child sick at school presents as sick, separate the child and contact parents to get the child home; keep the sick child in a separate room until pickup. After pick-up, ideally, after two hours of the room being empty, clean and disinfect the room.

Urge parents to have their children stay home if the children are sick. Continue reinforcing students to cover their coughs and sneezes. Train and have children demonstrate appropriate handwashing techniques. Remind students of the significance of not touching their face with unwashed hands.

Additional recommendations:

- Clean and disinfect surfaces frequently touched surfaces like doors and water fountains.
- Monitor absenteeism.
- Suspend programs promising awards for perfect attendance.
- Engage local school boards in discussions to help reinforce messaging and provide feedback into decisions.
- As the weather improves, consider increasing ventilation by opening outside doors and windows.

With presumptive case of COVID19

- Close the school facility
- Implement home education techniques and shutting school
- Perform cleaning and disinfecting and plan to re-open the facility after 2 weeks.
- Cancel all extracurricular activities, “unofficial” activities and strongly discourage socialization.
- Consider options for maintaining continuity of meal programs so that students not under quarantine that rely on the meal programs could pick up bagged lunch; this might be accomplished through delivery (perhaps using bus drivers) or “grab ‘n go” pickup of sack lunches.
- As needed consult with the Sangamon County Health Department about the additional steps needed for your situation.

For more information, see:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>

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