

Public Health Tabletop Exercises "Answer Key"

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Note: These answers are limited to discussing the specific required practices from the public health quideline document. In all scenarios, other operational issues would need to be addressed as well.

Scenario 1

a) Follow Protocol for Symptomatic Student In School

The student should be sent to the nurse and separated from other students and staff at the school until her parent/guardian can get her. Ideally, the parent/guardian should take the student to her family physician, who will determine if a COVID-19 test is needed; alternatively, the parent/guardian should take the student to a free COVID-19 testing location. The school should clean areas used by the student. The student must stay home until she has met the criteria for return from self-isolation (slide 12). Until COVID has been lab-confirmed, no other actions are required.

b) Follow Protocols for Lab-Confirmed Student Case (Notification, Cleaning, Isolation)

Once the school learns that the student has received a positive COVID-19 test from the parent, the school must notify public health. Public health will lead contact tracing effort and notify close contacts. Close contact adults must remain off campus until they meet the criteria to return from staying home (slide 10), and close contact students should be encouraged to do so as well. The school must also clean the areas of the campus used by the student, because she was on campus within the previous 7 days. Because this student was in middle school and likely changed classes, she likely would have more close contacts and more areas would require cleaning. Although, in both cases, cleaning may have been done already given (a) above. The campus must notify all members of the school community in writing. The student must stay home until she has met the criteria for return from self-isolation (slide 12).

Scenario 2:

Follow Protocols for Lab-Confirmed Student Case (Notification, Cleaning, Isolation)

Once the school learns that the teacher has received a positive COVID-19 test, the school must notify public health. Public health will lead contact tracing effort and notify close contacts. Public health will take into account the amount of time that has passed in determining the infectious period for potential close contacts. Close contact adults must remain off campus until they meet the criteria to return from staying home (slide 10), and close contact students should be encouraged to do so as well. The school does not need to clean the areas used by the teacher, because he was not on campus within the prior 7 days. The campus must notify all members of the school community in writing. The teacher must stay home until he has met the criteria for return from self-isolation (slide 12).



Scenario 3:

Follow Protocol for Symptomatic Student In School

The nurse should keep the student separated from other students and staff at the school until his parent/guardian can get him. Ideally, the student should be taken to his family physician, who will determine if a COVID-19 test is needed; alternatively, the parent/guardian should take the student to a free COVID-19 testing location. The school should clean areas used by the student. The student must stay home until he has met the criteria for return from self-isolation (slide 12). Until COVID has been lab-confirmed, no other actions are required.

Scenario 4:

Follow Protocols for Lab-Confirmed Student Case (Notification, Cleaning, Isolation)

Public health will lead contact tracing effort and notify close contacts. The school must also clean the areas of the campus used by the student, because he was on campus within the previous 7 days. Because this student was in a self-contained classroom, he may have fewer close contacts, but the school will need to help inform public health officials so they can determine whether service providers working with the student are also close contacts. Close contact adults must remain off campus until they meet the criteria to return from staying home (slide 10), and close contact students should be encouraged to do so as well. The campus must notify all members of the school community in writing. The student must stay home until he has met the criteria for return from self-isolation (slide 12).

Scenario 5:

Follow Protocols for Lab-Confirmed Visitor Cases (Cleaning)

The school must contact the local health department, who can help determine next steps. Depending on the amount of time the technician spent doing the repair and whether there was anyone in the teacher's lounge at the time, the exposure to those in the school may be minimal. Public health will decide whether contact tracing efforts among the school community are necessary, and if so, will notify close contacts. The school must also clean the areas of the campus used by the technician, because he was on campus within the previous 7 days. No notification is required at this point, unless positive cases are identified among campus community members.

Scenario 6:

Follow Protocol for Symptomatic Staff In School

The nurse should separate herself and leave campus as soon as possible. She should also visit her physician, who will determine if a COVID-19 test is needed; alternatively, she can obtain a test from a free COVID-19 testing location. The school should clean areas used by the nurse. The nurse must stay home until she has met the criteria for return from self-isolation (slide 12). Until COVID has been lab-confirmed, no other actions are required.

Scenario 7:

Follow Protocol for Close Contact Staff Self-Reported

The worker is a close contact to someone who is lab-confirmed to have COVID. The worker must stay home until 14 days have passed until the <u>last</u> close contact (slide 10). The worker would be eligible for FFCRA while doing so, if unable to work remotely. The last close contact

in this case would be when the worker's wife meets the criteria to the end of self-isolation (slide 12). At that point, the last close contact has occurred, and he must stay at home for an additional period of 14 days, assuming he does not himself demonstrate symptoms during that potential incubation period or otherwise receive a positive COVID-19 test. If he does, he would continue to remain off campus until he meets the criteria to end self-isolation (slide 12). Unless the worker contracts COVID-19, no notification to public health or the community is required, nor or any other actions required.

Scenario 8:

Follow Protocol for Close Contact Staff Self-Reported, and

Follow Protocols for Lab-Confirmed Student Case (Notification, Cleaning, Isolation)

The teacher is a close contact to someone who is lab-confirmed to have COVID. The teacher must stay home until 14 days have passed until the <u>last</u> close contact (slide 10). Additionally, the teacher may need to stay at home to support her child, and would be eligible for FFCRA while doing so, if unable to work remotely. The last close contact in this case would be when the teacher's son meets the criteria to the end of self-isolation (slide 12). At that point, the last close contact has occurred, and the teacher must stay at home for an additional period of 14 days, assuming she does not himself demonstrate symptoms during that potential incubation period or otherwise receive a positive COVID-19 test. If she does, she would continue to remain off campus until she meets the criteria to end self-isolation (slide 12). Unless the teacher contracts COVID-19, no notification to public health or the community is required, nor or any other actions required at the high school.

For the student case: Public health will lead contact tracing effort at the middle school and notify close contacts. The middle school must also clean the areas of the campus used by the student, assuming he was on campus within the previous 7 days. Close contact adults must remain off campus until they meet the criteria to return from staying home (slide 10), and close contact students should be encouraged to do so as well. The campus must notify all members of the school community in writing. The student must stay home until he has met the criteria for return from self-isolation (slide 12).

Scenario 9:

Follow Protocol for Close Contact Student Self-Reported

The teacher's daughter is a close contact to someone who has COVID-19. The teacher is not considered a close contact unless her daughter contracts COVID-19. Therefore, the teacher may continue to work, and nothing further is required at the elementary school. However, the teacher may need to stay at home to support her child, and would be eligible for FFCRA while doing so, if unable to work remotely.

The daughter is a close contact. The teacher (as a parent) chooses to keep the daughter out of school for the 14-day incubation period. Unless the daughter becomes lab confirmed with COVID, no actions are required for the middle school.