

## DHHS/DPI Joint COVID-19 Webinar: Tuesday 10/20 at 8AM

### Join DHHS & DPI for a joint webinar on COVID-19 Guidance Updates

#### **Topic:**

NCDHHS staff will present on updates to the StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit (K-12), the Suspected, Confirmed, or Presumed Positive Case Reference Guide, and the new K – 12 COVID-19 Testing Considerations, and they will take your questions

#### **Webinar Information**

**Who:** Local Education Leaders (Superintendents, principals, charter school directors, COVID liaisons/points of contact, communications specialists) and Local Health Department Leaders

**What:** A webinar highlighting October Updates to the NCDHHS Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools

**When:** Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM – 9:00AM

**Where:** Please click the link below to join the webinar

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#### **Speakers:**

- Dr. Betsey Tilson, State Health Director and Chief Medical Officer, NCDHHS
- Dr. Jean-Marie Maillard, Medical Director, Communicable Disease Branch - Epidemiology Section, Division of Public Health, NCDHHS
- Other staff will be available to answer questions, including topics such as environmental health/cleaning-related questions, COVID case response protocols, and others

#### **Recommended Pre-Reading:**

- Review the new documents below, familiarize yourself with the key changes to existing documents, and come ready with questions

#### **New Resources:**

- [K-12 COVID-19 Testing Considerations](#)
- [When to Quarantine \(Spanish\)](#)

#### **StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit (K-12)**

- Clarified what is required for schools to report to Local Health Departments: suspected or confirmed cases.
- Added language about excluding siblings/household members if one individual is symptomatic or exposed, which reflects the screening form
- Added links to quarantine example calendars
- Clarified language regarding Plan B bus restrictions following request from NC State Board of Education and Department of Public Instruction

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#### Screening Reference Guide

- Language and protocol clarifications throughout document
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#### PPE and Infection Control Guidance

- Link added to CDC do-not-use list of hand sanitizer products contaminated with methanol

#### StrongSchoolsNC FAQ

- New FAQs added:
  - Exposure guidance for those doing COVID-19 screenings
  - Confidentiality
  - Social distancing protocols under Plan A
  - Parental consent and COVID-19 testing
- Updates
  - Wording and question order clarity throughout document

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