



COVID-19 Regional Risk Matrix

**For use by LHDs when providing guidance to school districts*

Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk	Very High Risk
Evaluate alternatives to in-person learning to ensure continuity of work or educational services. In response to COVID-19 positive staff or student, follow COVID-19 exclusion criteria; work with local health department to identify and exclude close contacts following CDC guidance; refer to guidance on cleaning and disinfection. In response to ill students and staff, follow NJDOH School Exclusion List. * If ill person had potential exposure in past 14 days, follow COVID-19 exclusion criteria; wait at least 24 hours and clean/disinfect areas where ill person spent time. Permit limited activities involving interaction with multiple cohorts, ensuring adherence to precautions.	Consider a mixture of remote and/or hybrid learning approaches, and/or fully remote learning. In response to COVID-19 positive staff or student, follow COVID-19 exclusion criteria; work with local health department to identify and exclude close contacts following CDC guidance; refer to guidance on cleaning and disinfection. In response to ill students and staff with COVID-19 compatible symptoms, follow COVID-19 exclusion criteria; wait at least 24 hours and clean/disinfect areas where ill person spent time. Minimize activities that involve interaction with multiple cohorts.	Consider implementing fully remote learning. <i>If schools remain open for in-person learning:</i> In response to staff or student who is COVID-19 positive <u>or who has COVID-19 compatible symptoms</u> (not yet tested), follow COVID-19 exclusion criteria; work with local health department to identify and exclude close contacts according to CDC guidance; refer to guidance on cleaning and disinfection. * Decisions on when ill person's close contacts can return to school are dependent on the ill person's medical evaluation and COVID-19 test results. Restrict activities that involve interaction with multiple cohorts.	Implement fully remote learning
RISK LEVELS GREEN, YELLOW, AND ORANGE (IF OPEN FOR IN-PERSON LEARNING): - Require staff and students to stay home when sick or if they have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19 within the past 14 days. Parents/guardians, students and staff should notify school administrators of illness and known exposure. - Have a policy for daily symptom screening for students and staff; have plans for students and staff to report symptoms that develop during the day. - In conjunction with local health department, identify COVID-19 rapid testing resources (viral testing) for when staff and students develop COVID-19 compatible symptoms. - Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least daily. - Ensure adequate hand hygiene supplies are readily available. - Implement physical distancing measures (e.g., reducing occupancy (staggered schedules, use of alternate spaces), installation of partitions/physical barriers, cancelling large gatherings/events, maintaining defined cohorts). - Implement source control through wearing face coverings.			
ALL RISK LEVELS - Keep abreast of NJDOE and NJDOH COVID-19 guidance and surveillance indicators. - Exchange after-hours contact information with your local health department.			