

In relation to CoVID-19, school nurses need from the local Military Treatment Facility (MTF):

1. Are school nurses expected to **identify individuals** who may be presenting with virus symptoms? They understand that sharing PII is on a need-to-know basis and is to be treated with the utmost confidentiality (they are registered nurses with at least Bachelors Degrees).
  - a. **Fever:** What temperature is considered a fever? The current DoDEA health manual says temperatures of 100.0 F is a fever and results in being sent home, not to return until fever-free for 24 hours. However, the MTFs state 100.4 F (38 C) and Japan says 37.5 C (99 F), and fever-free for three days without fever-reducing medication. What is the expectation for this coming school-year?
  - b. **Isolation and PPE:** Is there an expectation that this identified individual be isolated from other individuals? If so, what is the expectation for cleaning the area after they leave and for any caring individuals to have PPE? What is expected in the event that we have no remaining locations for isolation? Only two MTF's have fitted school nurses for N95 masks (see DoDEA comment below).
  - c. **Referral:** If the school nurse makes a referral to the local MTF, will there be feedback specifically about whether that referred individual is cleared to return to the school. In at least one incident, the MTF never followed up with the family and the child returned to school the following day.
2. **Who** at the school will be notified if a person from the school or family member is identified and who decides the steps to take (i.e., keep entire class, grade, wing, etc. home for a specified time)?
3. What is the protocol for accepting a **COVID-19 recovered** individual back into the school?
4. If there is a need for the schools to be part of the **operational plan** for surge capacity of healthcare and other services to meet the needs of the installation and community, what would their responsibilities be?

In addition to the items above, the following items have been impacted by COVID-19:

1. **Emergency Action Plans:** How will the MTF help the school nurse identify individuals at risk for respiratory illnesses that ordinarily do not warrant an emergency action plan, but that due to CoVID-19, might warrant one?
2. **Immunizations:** will local MTFs be providing immunizations that are due?
3. **Sports Physicals:** Will sports physicals be provided, or are current ones being extended? If extended, DoDEA may also need to approve this.

Questions for DoDEA Leadership:

1. **Coaches/Staff taking temperatures:** Athletic department guidance (and music) mentioned taking temperatures. Who is going to do that? What instruments will they use and will they need training on these instruments?
2. **N 95 Mask fitting:** Some MTFs have provided this to school nurses and others require a formal letter. Has this been done? Specific complexes of concern are Misawa, Sasebo, Yokota, and Zama/Atsugi (Iwakuni and Yokosuka/Ikego were fitted and realized they needed to order different types or sizes of masks).

School nurses already expect to provide the following:

1. Follow-up with their administrators/AOs about the **separate location** assigned for students presenting symptoms. DoDEA has already drafted expectations for this separate location. However, in our 21<sup>st</sup> Century schools, the downstairs windows do not open- so do special air handlers need to be purchased/rented?
2. **Monitor** CoVID-19 updates released by the CDC, WHO, and State Department (in addition to USFJ and local military facilities).
3. **Provide Instruction** through:
  - a. Staff instruction through staff meetings and written protocols regarding COVID-19 including information provided by the local MTF and protocol for how students are referred to the school nurse
  - b. Student instruction in coordination with health and other classes
  - c. Student and community instruction through videos, posters, flyers, etc.