**Iowa County Schools**

**Classroom Closure Decision Guide**

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**Positive Person**

- If disinfection is occurring daily, then continue operations without closing the area for disinfection. It is likely that this person has already been out of school for a couple of days.
- If the area has not been disinfected since the person was in the area, disinfect the area and re-open for use after disinfection is complete.

**School Nurse**

- Identifies close contacts of a positive case working with school staff and Iowa County Health Department.

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**Applies to Person**

**Quarantine Close Contacts**

- Anyone within 6 ft. of a positive person for more than 15 minutes (This includes multiple encounters within a day adding up to more than 15 minutes).
- Anyone who had contact with positive persons respiratory secretions (e.g., coughed/sneezed on, contact with dirty tissues, sharing a drinking glass, food, or personal items).
- Anyone who had direct physical contact with a positive person (e.g., hug, kiss, handshake).

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**Applies to Classroom**

- If YES to any of the following questions, consider closing the classroom and moving to virtual learning for 14 days from the last contact with a positive person.
  - Has there been any other positive cases in this classroom within the last 14 days?
  - In the last week has this classroom experienced an increase in illness absences?
- If all of the answers to the previous questions are NO, then proceed to the next box.
  - Are staff and students in the classroom able to maintain a 6 ft distance throughout the day?
  - Are staff and students avoiding sharing personal items, utensils, and tools?
  - Are staff and students wearing masks all day except when drinking water or eating lunch?

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**Disclaimer:** Every classroom closure will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

**Important:** If a classroom moves to virtual learning for a short period of time for disinfecting, only those that are not quarantined will be able to return. Anyone quarantined will not be allowed back in a district building until the end of their quarantine period. Some quarantines are longer than 14 days, the Local Health Department will determine the length of quarantine during the contact investigation.