

Outbreak Containment

- Outbreak definition:
 - 2 or more cases among students/staff without other identified epidemiological linkages, with onset within 14 days in a single classroom or core group (i.e. teams, band)
- If schools are experiencing an outbreak or a rise in cases, schools should reach out to DOH or their local county/municipal health department for guidance
- In order to preserve safe in-person learning to the greatest extent possible, DOH staff will work with schools to determine if a closure is necessary and appropriate closure length, with a maximum 14-day recommendation, for full incubation period

▶ Outbreak Containment (continued)

- A maximum 14-day suspension of in-person learning may be recommended by DOH if the following criteria are met:

- 5% of students/staff confirmed cases in 14-day window:
 - Small school (<500 staff & students): 25 case threshold
 - Medium school (500-900 staff & students): 25-45 case threshold
 - Large school (900+ staff & students): 45+ case threshold

OR

- 3 simultaneous classroom and/or core group outbreaks
 - Transmission between 2 or more students or students/staff/teachers without other identified epidemiological links in 3 or more classrooms and/or other core groups (i.e. teams, band)
- If either of these criteria are met, schools should reach out to DOH or their local county/municipal health department for guidance