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PROCEDURES FOR CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19

Based on “New Jersey Department of Health Covid-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K – 12 Schools”

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Scenario	SGGA Action Steps
One (1) confirmed case of COVID-19 in the school	SGGA remains open for in-person instruction*; students and staff in “close contact” with positive case are excluded from school for 14 days. This would result in the students in the same homeroom, cohort, and unit being excluded OR students in the homerooms, cohorts, and units working closely with the infected employee being excluded. If exposure is discovered during the school day, the remaining time at school will take place outdoors. These potentially exposed students will NOT be allowed to take a bus home.
Two (2) or more cases in the same classroom or grade	SGGA remains open for in-person instruction*; students and staff in close contact with positive case are excluded from school for 14 days. This would result in all students in the grade being excluded OR all students in the grades that the infected employee works with being excluded. If exposure is discovered during the school day, the remaining time at school will take place outdoors. These potentially exposed students will NOT be allowed to take a bus home. Recommendations for whether the entire classroom wing would be considered exposed will be based on public health investigation.
Two (2) or more cases within 14 days, but are linked to a clear alternative exposure that is unrelated to the school setting and unlikely to be a source of exposure for the larger school community (e.g. in same household, exposed at the same event outside of school)	SGGA will close early (if issue is discovered before 11:00am) and remain closed for AT LEAST the next day if the next day is a school day in order to allow for investigation and contact tracing to occur to establish the likelihood of exposure via the school setting. Students and staff in close contact with positive cases are excluded from school for 14 days. This would result in the students in the same homerooms, cohorts, and units being excluded OR students in the homerooms, cohorts, and units working closely with the infected employee being excluded.
Two (2) or more cases within 14 days, linked together by some activity in school, but who are in different classrooms (outbreak involving clusters)	SGGA will close early (if issue is discovered before 11:00am) and remain closed for AT LEAST the next day if the next day is a school day. Recommendations for whether extended in-person school closure is indicated will be based on investigation by local health department
A significant community outbreak is occurring or has recently occurred (e.g., large event or large local employer) and is impacting multiple staff, students, and families served by the school community	Consider closing SGGA for in-person instruction for 14 days, based on investigation by local health department.



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Two (2) or more cases are identified within 14 days that occur across multiple classrooms and a clear connection between cases or to a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 cannot be easily identified (outbreak involving multiple cohorts)	Close SGGA for in-person instruction for 14 days
Very high risk of community transmission (refer to COVID-19 Regional Risk Level Matrix)	Close SGGA for in-person instruction until COVID-19 transmission decreases.

*A temporary closure may also be considered for a period of 2-5 days if a student or staff member attended school while potentially infectious, before being confirmed as having COVID-19. This short-term dismissal allows time for local health officials to gain a better understanding of the COVID-19 situation impacting the school and perform contact tracing.