SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN - INFECTIOUS AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SECTION

- Infectious and communicable disease occur frequently in the school setting. Factors that affect the risk of disease in schools include age of students, immunity of the group, number of students, the degree of close contact between children and providers, and the hygienic habits of students and staff.

- Medical events with community-wide consequences occur hundreds of times each year in New Mexico, some in the school setting.

- Cost-effective care can take on a completely new meaning when a single case of certain diseases translates into many cases, with scores of contacts needing screening, protection and surveillance.

- In such cases, there are substantial resources available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week through the Epidemiology and Response Division (ERD) of the DOH is linked to health professionals experienced in management and control of outbreaks as well as laboratory assistance in making diagnoses and obtaining vaccines and/or prophylactic medications.

- The primary strategies for preventing spread of pandemic influenza include the following infection control efforts by persons with flu symptoms:
  - Stay at home;
  - Cover nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing;
  - Wash hands with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand sanitizers frequently.
  - Try to maintain spatial separation of at least three feet from others, if possible

Protocol for the CoronaVirus 2019/20 District Response

As of 3/11/2020 at 2:18 pm, the known closest presumptive positive cases are in Albuquerque and Bernalillo County (about 3 hours or within a 200m radius of Kirtland).

Level 1 - “Watch” (pre-outbreak) refer to School Safety Plan “Level 1 Daily Operations Preventative Measures”.

- Regular surveillance of baseline clusters of cases and absenteeism
- Continue disinfection measures
- Sending staff and students home with a fever, not to return until fever free for 72 hrs. without fever reducing medications
- Send children and staff home promptly
● After a nursing assessment, with a positive screening tool or if a student or staff member has a fever, cough and respiratory symptoms, the epidemiologist will be called at 505-827-0006 for a consultation. If no answer, a message will be left and the staff/student will either be transported home or via EMS (based on a nurse or SBHC physician assessment).

● Nurses will make recommendations for physician follow-up when appropriate

● Follow-up will be made with district staff to ensure disinfectant procedures are being followed

● District will use EPA approved disinfectant or chlorine bleach (see list)

● Frequent daily cleaning of the health office, kitchen, classroom, bathroom surfaces and frequently touched objects.

● Educate everyone on handwashing and respiratory hygiene.

● Pre-prepare and handout educational packets to students, in case education will be at home during closures

● Continuous communication and collaboration with local leadership, IHS, Navajo Nation, San Juan County, and School Superintendents.

● Frequent, daily, or as needed staff, student and community updates via social network, website, email, phone calls, or email pop-ups

Level 2 - “ALERT” status triggered when disease is confirmed within a 3 hr. radius or 200 miles of Shiprock, Kirtland, Newcomb and Naschitti or per recommendation of further action from state or local emergency response teams, the CDC or DOH. **Continue level 1 measures and Increase measures to:**

● Lead district nurse to notify “school response team” of suspected outbreak.

● Lead district nurse to be in contact by phone and will fax a list to CDC/NMDOH daily

● Air dry surfaces after disinfection, or rinse all surfaces intended for food or mouth contact with plain water before use.

● Kitchen and dining facilities will switch all service items (spoons, forks, knives, plates, cups, trays) to disposable.

● Trash will be labeled for contamination.

● Recommend limited travel and social events for immunocompromised students/staff to sports or conferences.

● Reach out to student/parent/medical providers to coordinate “at risk” students absence from in-school settings or activities.

● Recommend district, local, community and leadership meetings carried out by phone or video conferencing.

● Cancelation of district sporting events, staff meetings, student field trips, and conferences outside of the state of NM and outside of a 1.5 hour radius of Kirtland, Shiprock, Newcomb or Naschitti.

● Prepare and ready food service and vehicles to continue food services to students in the case of a closure.

● Prepare student instructional packets disperse to students, in case of a closure.
Level 3 - “WARNING” status triggered when confirmed case/s are within the four corners area, San Juan County or within a 1.5 hr. radius of Shiprock, Kirtland, Newcomb, refer to School Safety Plan “Outbreak.” Continue level 1 & 2 measures and Increase measures to:

- Consider the closure of schools for 1-5 days (use snow days), resume depending on NMDOH/CDC, emergency management and new cases to determine if additional days are needed.
- Recommend limited travel and social events for immunocompromised students/staff to sports or conferences.
- Reach out to student/parent/medical providers to coordinate “at risk” students absence from in-school settings or activities.
- Cancelation of all district, local, community, and leadership meetings
- All district meetings to be carried out by phone or video conferencing.
- Cancelation of district assemblies, rallies, sporting events, meetings and staff conferences
- Initiate alternative home education initiation

Level 4 - “SUSPECTED OUTBREAK”- triggered when local cases are confirmed by the CDC within CCSD schools or within the cities of Cortez, Farmington, Shiprock, Kirtland, Gallup, Newcomb/Naschitti, Aztec, or Bloomfield, refer to School Safety Plan “Outbreak.” Continue level 1-3 measures and

- Increase measures to: Closure of schools for 6-30 days, days of dismissal based on monitoring of new cases and recommendations by NMDOH/CDC and local emergency services.
- PPE (facemasks, gloves) provided to health staff, kitchen personnel when out of the kitchen area.
- After consulting with Epidemiologist, follow recommendations for ill students or staff for transport via EMS to local hospitals or clinics for next level of medical care
- Isolate ill students or staff in a designated room away from others
- disinfect the room after each person
- limit access to room by others, access for designated personnel only
- Activate alternative method of education plan
- The school community will be notified of the outbreak.

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMS - 911 (Kirtland)
EMS - 505-368-6175
Shiprock Navajo EMS (Shiprock, Newcomb, Naschitti, OJO)
Northern Navajo Medical Center - 505-368-6001 (ask for ER)

SAN JUAN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER - HOTLINE:
(505) 516-0938 Toll Free at 1(888) 949-5387

NMDOH
Epidemiology and Response Division (ERD) of the DOH
505-827-0006 to report or speak with a epidemiologist
For consultation, management, control, and diagnosis of outbreaks (reports to CDC)