

COVID-19 RESPONSE

# LHDs' Approach to COVID-19 Cases in Schools

Local Health Departments (LHDs) consider the latest scientific evidence when approaching any public health issue—including case investigations related to COVID-19.

LHDs continue to monitor the fast-emerging science about how COVID-19 is spread and contained. We also consider applicable plans and guidance of valued experts in our state and nationally. Finally, all of our case investigations take the specifics of every situation into account.

**In a K-12 school setting, when everyone has been appropriately wearing a mask or face covering over their nose and mouth *and* practicing physical distancing, it is less likely that a whole class will need to quarantine and be excluded from in-person school activities.**