Covid-19 Pandemic: From a School Nurse Perspective

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School Nursing in Remote Learning

**Care Coordination**
- Chronic disease management
- Collaborative communication
- Update training materials for staff

**Leadership**
- Monitor emerging disease information; share with district staff
- Update health protocols

**Quality Improvement**
- Data collection
- Consider student supports/outcomes
- Challenges/opportunities

**Community/Public Health**
- Risk reduction (mitigation)
- Illness screening
- Identify community resources

**Standards of Practice**
- Know your Nurse Practice Act
- Scope of practice
- Legal requirements
Summer Planning

- Graduation and Summer School Guidance
  - Celebrate achievements of students
  - Limits on in-person gatherings

- PPE
Back to School

- Framework for Reopening Schools & Returning to In-Person Instruction, DOE
- National Association of School Nurses: Interim Guidance
- ME Association of School Nurses: Guidance for School Nurse Service
- Public Health Guidance for PK-12 and Adult Education (Maine)
Standard Operating Procedure: Investigation of COVID-19

- **Case identified**
  - Nurse reviews isolation and quarantine requirements with parent
  - Notification to school administration and School Nurse Consultant
  - CDC Notified/confirms case

- **Investigation**
  - Case Investigator contacts case & school point person
  - CDC Assumes responsibility for contact tracing
Standard Operating Procedure:
Investigation of COVID-19

• 1-2 Cases in a classroom
  – All students and staff are considered close contacts
  – Other class settings (art, recess, cafeteria) are reviewed on a case by case basis
  – Classroom should be cleaned

• 1-2 Cases in multiple classrooms
  – All students and staff in ANY classroom where the case attended are close contact

• Outbreak status: 3 cases within 14 days
Standard Operating Procedure: Investigation of COVID-19

- Bus exposure
  - Time
  - Windows
  - Assigned seating
- After school activities
  - Time
  - Indoor/Outdoor
Challenges for Schools

- **Communications**
  - Social media/Gossip
  - Delay in confirmation of cases
  - Negative tests
- **Old buildings, limited resources**
- **No nurse or shared nurse**
  - No one at school to assess symptoms
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