

# 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Cooperative Conference for School Administrators



August 3, 2020

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# Welcome Remarks



Missouri  
Commissioner of  
Education  
Margie Vandeven

# Welcome Remarks



Missouri  
Governor  
Mike  
Parson

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Missouri  
State Board of  
Education  
President  
Charlie Shields



The light  
**shines the  
brightest**  
in the  
darkest places

# Bright Spots During COVID-19



Grab-and-Go meal delivery for Columbia students provided thousands of meals from March through July. Students received meals from both familiar faces as well as the Missouri National Guard.

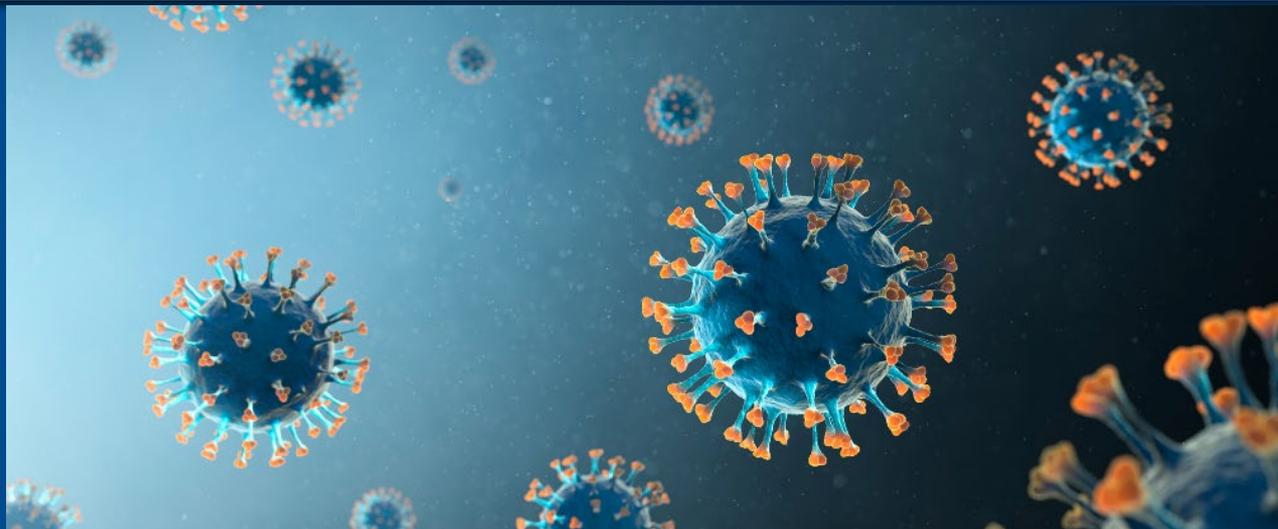
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- Unintended consequences of building closures:
  - ❑ Difficulty meeting the needs of all students
  - ❑ Limited access to online learning resources
  - ❑ Reduced abuse & neglect hotline calls
  - ❑ Social-emotional development
  - ❑ Mental health concerns for students, families & staff

# Safely Reopening Schools



*BUT* we'll  
be **TOGETHER**  
in **SCHOOL**  
again, and  
**THAT'S** what  
**MATTERS**





- Guidance FAQ document
  - Phase 2 (published today 8/3/20):
    - Symptomatic at school
    - Positive cases within the school community
    - Contact identification & tracing
- No statewide health-related mandates, at this time



- Symptomatic at School:
  - ❑ Encourage families/staff to seek medical attention
  - ❑ Wear face covering
  - ❑ Space separate from nurse's office to triage students/staff with COVID-19 symptoms
    - Increase PPE
    - Limit entrance/exit
    - Keep record of those entering

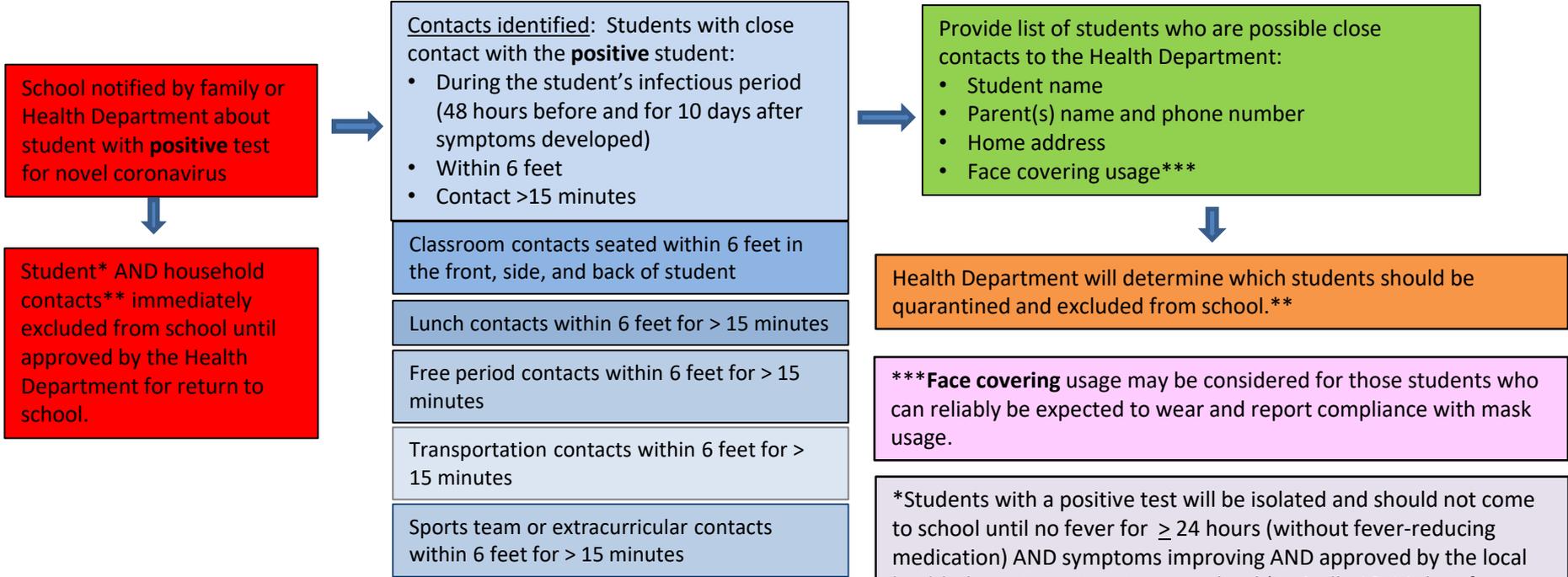


- Positive Cases in the School Community:
  - ❑ District & school COVID-19 point of contact
  - ❑ Two-way communication between LPHAs & schools
  - ❑ LPHA communicates case info & directives to school
  - ❑ Consistent protocol will reduce confusion
  - ❑ Closure decisions made collaboratively (classroom, building or district)
  - ❑ Discuss criteria that could lead to expanded mitigation strategies or a shift to distance learning



- Contact Identification & Tracing:
  - ❑ Lead by LPHA where positive case resides
  - ❑ Work towards standard, consistent protocol & communication procedures
  - ❑ Schools ready to provide documentation
    - Attendance records
    - Cohort lists
    - Seating charts

## Protocol for Schools Assisting Health Department in Close Contact Identification for COVID-19 Cases



Health Department	Phone
St. Louis County case reporting ( <a href="mailto:cdcs.doh@stlouisco.com">cdcs.doh@stlouisco.com</a> )	314-615-2660
St. Louis County provider question ( <a href="mailto:provider-COVID@stlouisco.com">provider-COVID@stlouisco.com</a> )	
St. Louis County school nurse liaison	
St. Louis City	314-657-1499
St. Louis City school reporting ( <a href="mailto:casereporting@stlouis-mo.gov">casereporting@stlouis-mo.gov</a> )	314-657-1453
St. Charles County	636-949-1899
Missouri Department of Health	877-435-8411
Illinois Department of Health	800-889-3931

\*\*\***Face covering** usage may be considered for those students who can reliably be expected to wear and report compliance with mask usage.

\*Students with a positive test will be isolated and should not come to school until no fever for  $\geq 24$  hours (without fever-reducing medication) AND symptoms improving AND approved by the local health department to return to school (typically 10-14 days from start of symptoms). For St. Louis City, patients must also be released by primary care provider.

\*\*Students who are determined to be close contacts will be quarantined and should not come to school until at least 14 days after last potential exposure AND approved by the local Health Department for return to school.

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# DESE/DHSS: School Reopening

Follow DESE Updates at: [dese.mo.gov/COVID19](https://dese.mo.gov/COVID19)

Guidance FAQ document in “Re-Entry” section

Send live webinar questions to:

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# Conference Line-Up

- **Tuesday 8/4:** Task Force for Learning Acceleration & Assessment Update
- **Wednesday 8/5:** Social-Emotional Health
- **Thursday 8/6:** School Finance
- **Friday 8/7:** Distance Learning Strategies & Commissioner's Closing Remarks