

## **Recommended Topics of Discussion Among School Nurse and Local Health Department**

Establishing open communication between the School Nurse, school district and public health department will be essential for COVID-19 mitigation and prevention. The following are recommended topics of discussion for the School Nurse and local health department. This list is not all inclusive and should be used as a starting point. School Nurses are encouraged to contact their local health department as soon as possible this summer to begin discussions and planning.

- ☐ Establish communication preference (email, phone call, etc.)
- ☐ Identify who will be communication point person at health department (HD) and school district
- ☐ Decide on communication schedule (weekly, monthly, as needed)
- ☐ Discuss whether HD would like to be notified if students/staff are being sent home (or call in absent) due to symptoms of Covid-19
  - ☐ If yes, decide which symptoms HD would like to be notified about
- ☐ Determine what demographic information the HD would like the school to collect
- ☐ Confirm whether the HD or school will be completing contact tracing for students/staff who test positive for Covid-19
- ☐ Determine if the HD will be notifying the school/school district if there is a student/staff member who tests positive for Covid-19
- ☐ Discuss whether the school will be sending home a letter to parents when a child/staff in their class has tested positive for Covid-19
- ☐ Discuss what exclusion criteria the school district will be using when determining what students/staff should not come to school and who needs to be sent home during the day
- ☐ Discuss whether there are any unique situations occurring in the school that the HD would like to be made aware of