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Environmental Cleaning and Personal Hygiene:

- High-touch surfaces should be cleaned at least twice per day, including bathrooms.
- Students should wash or sanitize their hands upon arrival at the school, before and after eating, before and after using outdoor play equipment and before exiting the school facility.
- Playground equipment and athletic equipment should be cleaned as necessary, depending on frequency of use.

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Large Gatherings and Extracurricular Activities

High Risk Activities-Due to increased and forceful exhalation that occurs during physical activity, some sports can put players, coaches, trainers, and others at increased risk for getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. Close contact sports and indoor sports are particularly risky. Similar risk may exist for other extracurricular activities, such as band, choir, theater, and other school clubs that meet indoors and entail increased exhalation.

Definitions for COVID Outbreak

- **Core Group Outbreak:** at least (3) three student, teacher, or staff cases within a specified core group with symptoms onset or positive test results within 14 days of each other, and no likely know exposure to a case outside of the school setting (e.g., household)
- **Core Group:** includes but not limited to extracurricular activity, classroom, cohort group, before/after school care, etc.
- **School-wide outbreak:** 5% or more students, teachers, and staff with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 over a 14 day period.
- **Outbreak Conclusion:** outbreak is considered over when there have been 14 days without any new cases.

LDHH COVID Reporting

- Weekly reporting of group outbreaks will be report via LDH Reporting Portal.

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Hygiene Protocols:

- Students, teachers and cafeteria staff should wash hands before and after every meal.
- All passengers should engage in hand hygiene upon entering the bus.
- Students should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer after changing any classroom; teachers in the classroom should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer every time a new group of students enters their room.
- Encourage students and staff to bring bottled water from home.

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Quarantine Protocols

- Students and employees may not be subject to quarantine guidelines after an exposure to a COVID positive person, if they are not symptomatic.
- Students and employees identified as a close contact of a confirmed COVID positive person have the option to quarantine according to CDC guidelines, or can sign the Parent Choice/Employee Choice options forms to remain at school.

Quarantine Guidelines

- If you are symptomatic and test positive for COVID-19:
 - Quarantine time starts as day “0” when symptoms started or test positive if asymptomatic.
 - Stay home for 5 days.
 - If symptoms are resolved after 5 days, you can return to work or school on day 6 and wear a mask for 5 additional days.
 - If you continue to have a fever or symptoms, after 5 days, stay in isolation until you are symptom free for 24 hours with no medications.