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To: School Administrators
School Nurses

From Sheboygan County Div. of Public Health

Date: September 25th, 2023

Subject: Updates on reportable communicable diseases 2023-24 School Year

We hope all of you have had a relaxing summer break.

Welcome back to a new school year. Much has changed over the past year in addressing COVID-related issues in our community. We greatly appreciate the collaboration our school partners have provided throughout the pandemic, and wanted to provide some key points of changes to COVID guidance and general communicable disease follow-up procedures.

Reporting of Communicable Disease cases, and local health department actions

Public health is here to partner with you to help keep your schools healthy over this coming school year. Below you will find a link to the reportable communicable diseases that should be reported to the Sheboygan County Division of Public Health if they are confirmed within a school setting.

- [Reportable Communicable Disease List](#)
- HHS/DPH : 920-459-3207 After Hours Number: 920-946-7953
- In instances of increased absences or outbreaks (related to respiratory or gastrointestinal symptoms) within a classroom: reach out to the LHD for further guidance

Please note we are aligning our COVID-19 follow-up with our practices for communicable disease control prior to the pandemic. Due to capacity issues we will not be able to complete follow-up with every COVID-19 case and will be prioritizing follow-up within high risk groups. We continue to encourage families to stay home if you are sick. We will no longer be doing contact tracing for COVID-19 cases, but will provide consultation on outbreak management.

We encourage our school partners to reach out if they have any questions or need additional support as they encounter sick students throughout the school year.

Resources for Management of Respiratory Outbreaks (Including COVID)

- DHS link, with school info: (updated 7/2023):
[K-12 Schools. COVID 19](#)
- CDC (May, 2023):
[Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning | CDC](#)
- AAP (May, 2023):
[COVID Vaccine Checklist](#)



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Local Resources for COVID Testing and Masking Resources

- **Lakeshore Community Health Care:** Offers COVID testing during provider visits. Cost is based on income. Does not provide pediatric COVID vaccines.
- **Prevea:** Offers COVID testing at a cost of \$175 (some may be covered by insurance) and the Pfizer vaccine for pediatric patients. Use [MyPrevea.com](https://www.myprevea.com) to make an appointment.
- **Aurora Health Care:** Testing can be scheduled using the livewell app (<https://www.livewellaah.org/>).
- **Local Pharmacies:** Walgreens offers testing for those age three and older.
- **Division of Public Health:** While supplies last, DPH has a small stock of at-home test kits that will expire in December of 2024 as well as a supply of pediatric masks. If you are in need of a small supply of test kits for families that lack insurance, please contact us at public.health@sheboygancounty.com
- Effective Sept. 25th, households can also order 4 COVID test kits from the following site: <https://www.covid.gov/tests>. Please encourage families to order test kits.

Immunizations

- We recommend that families vaccinate against influenza and COVID-19 alongside the other recommended childhood immunizations. Updated COVID-19 vaccines are now available and recommended for everyone 6 months and older. More information on updated COVID-19 vaccine recommendations can be found [here](#).

We welcome feedback and open discussion regarding any challenges you may encounter related to communicable disease control. We will continue to work on sharing those challenges with our local and state partners, and identify effective ways to address them. Please share any feedback by emailing public.health@sheboygancounty.com.

Thanks again for all you do to guide and support Sheboygan County families. We are thankful for your partnership.

Kind Regards,

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