

Recommendations for the Health Department

In the meantime, here are some helpful strategies our Medical Director found in an article that you can consider and we can discuss at the meeting.

In the classroom:

- 1. Move desks further apart*
- 2. Limit hand-holding games, lining up*
- 3. Use non-contact greetings. Avoid hugs/fistbumps/high-fives in favor of elbow bumps, waves, special gestures, etc.*
- 4. Daily disinfection of classroom high traffic areas: door knob, sink handles, backs of chairs, tabletops*
- 5. No shared talking sticks or pointing sticks.*
- 6. Create hand sanitizer stations that include instructions on proper use.*
- 7. Hand sanitizer use when entering or before leaving the classroom (and of course after sneezing/coughing, wiping nose, etc)*

Throughout the School:

- 1. Prop doors open so people do not need to use door handles*
- 2. Signs near all bathroom sinks with proper hand washing technique*
- 3. Cancel assemblies and programs*
- 4. Stagger classroom departures to minimize hallway contact.*
- 5. Help families prepare for possible quarantine or school shut down (at least let them know it is a possibility)*
- 6. Staff and teachers have a VERY low threshold for sending symptomatic kids to the RN and asking parents to pick them up.*