



ORANGE LEVEL 1 (More than 14.39 but fewer than 25 cases per 100,000)

Instruction: Districts are recommended to transition to alternative schedules (A/B weeks, rotations, hybrid model, etc.) or distance learning in consultation with local and state health officials and OSDE to reduce the number of individuals in school buildings and ensure greater social distancing. Students with disabilities who are unable to receive a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) solely through a distance learning environment (as determined by the IEP team) and those students who are unable to receive instructional services through distance learning may receive certain services at a school site that is closed or at an alternate school site or other location. Teachers and staff may be on campus as assigned.

Health Protocol: Follow all applicable health orders and required protocols, and adhere to district policies relating to:

- Screenings of staff, students and visitors prior to entry
- Policies for social distancing and gatherings
- Additional mitigation techniques, including hygiene practices, proper ventilation and school cleaning practices

Masks:

- Masks are recommended for all staff and students in grades PreK-12, with exemptions for adults and children who are physically unable to wear them. Teachers of PreK-3 grade students should consider protective face shields or clear-paneled masks.
- Exceptions are allowed for the following: when eating meals, naptime, recess and during physical education, if social distancing is possible.
- Adults are recommended to wear masks around other adults.
- *See Mask Exemptions and Accommodations.*

Special Education Classrooms: Teachers and staff in special education classrooms are recommended to wear protective face shields and/or masks when social distancing cannot be practiced or students are without masks. In addition, gloves and gowns are recommended for special education staff when providing services for medically vulnerable students.

Visitors and Service Providers: It is recommended that school visitations be restricted and that any visitors allowed on premises wear masks at all times. Temperature checks and symptom checks should be required for all visitors. In cases where schools and districts have partnerships with community organizations, health care providers and local government agencies that provide additional educational and wraparound services to students, staff of such partners should be allowed into buildings following the same procedures as for school personnel.

Child Nutrition: Provisions for school meal programs should continue.

Extracurricular Activities and Group Assemblies: It is recommended that buildings and campuses not be used for extracurricular activities, including spectator sports, where social distancing guidelines are not possible or for other group activities such as assemblies and performances. It is recommended that buildings and campuses not be utilized for public events and gatherings.