# **COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTING**

2023-2024



### COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Michigan Law requires schools and childcare centers to report specific diseases according to Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, which states that physicians, laboratories, primary and secondary schools, child daycares, and camps are required to report the occurrence or suspected occurrence of any disease, condition, or infections as identified in the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) CD rules to your LHD within 24 hours.

It is important for schools to report to their LHD for a number of reasons, including:

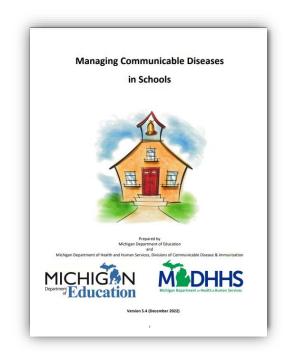
- To identify disease trends, outbreaks, and epidemics
- To enable preventative treatment and/or education
- To target prevention programs, identify care needs, and allocate resources efficiently
- To inform epidemiological practice and research
- To evaluate the success of long-term control efforts
- To assist with local, state, national, and international disease surveillance efforts



### MANAGING COMMUNICABLE DISEASE IN SCHOOLS

# Guidance from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Education

- https://bit.ly/3RdXZ1p
- Schools can play a major role in helping to reduce or prevent the incidence of illness among children and adults in our communities. Encouraging good hand hygiene and following cleaning recommendations contribute to a safe and healthy learning environment for children. When schools report illness to their local health department (LHD), public health specialists can assist schools with disease prevention and control guidance. This document provides schools with general information on what steps they can take to prevent and control communicable disease.
- Concise guidelines for identifying, reporting, and responding to an illness, infection, or disease outbreak in school.





## MANAGING COMMUNICABLE DISEASE IN SCHOOLS

#### **BEDHD COVID-19 Resources:**

School COVID-19 Resources –
Barry-Eaton District Health
Department
(barryeatonhealth.org)

#### **School COVID-19 Resources**

These materials are provided to schools within Barry and Eaton Counties to assist in school district planning and response for COVID-19. Due to the changing nature of the pandemic, these materials are subject to change at any time.



School Contact Tracing Form (BEDHD is not requiring contact tracing at this time)

#### The separate Toolkit appendices are available individually below:

- . Appendix A: Example COVID-19 Screening Tool for Staff
- Appendix B: COVID-19 Student Health Screening and Acknowledgement Form
- Appendix C: COVID-19 POSITIVE Reporting Form- Use this form to report a positive COVID-19 case to BEDHD
- Appendix D: Parent Notification Letter
- Appendix E: COVID Notification Sample Letter

#### **HRA Program**

The Health Resource Advocate (HRA) program was created in 2022 to help provide schools with COVID-19 and general public health supports. HRAS write as liaisons; connecting schools with community resources and public health supports, and are available to assist with evidence-based program research, development, coordination, and implementation. Our HRAs have an ever-expanding list of projects and programming they have tackled, in addition to providing COVID-19 support, but we have yet to explore all the ways HRAs can help support each school and its individual needs.

If you have any questions about the program or would like to chat about how an HRA may able to assist at your school, please connect directly with BEDHD's Outreach Supervisor; Lauren Metcalfe LiMetcalfe@bedhd.org or 517-541-2624.

MDHHS\_HRA Program

#### State and Federal Resources

- CDC Guidance for School Settings
- MALPH School Guidance 2022-2023
- CDC Monkeypox: School FAO



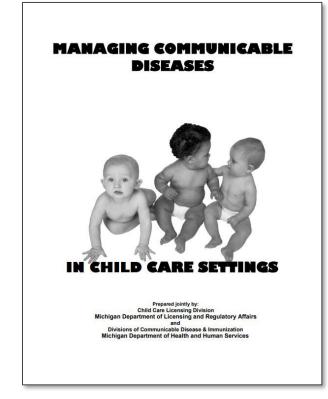
#### MANAGING COMMUNICABLE DISEASE IN CHILD CARE SETTINGS

# Guidance from Child Care Licensing Division and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

- https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/lara\_BCALPUB-0111 0715 494233 7.pdf
- Guidelines for identifying, reporting, and responding to an illness, infection, or disease outbreak.

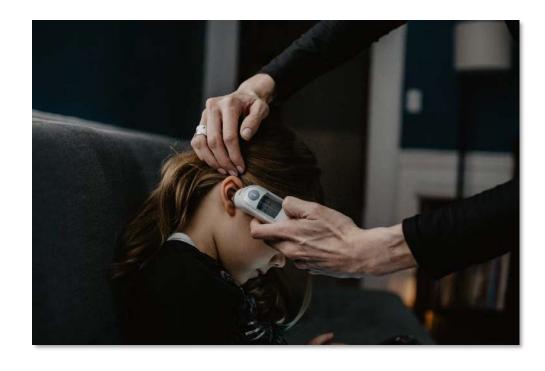
#### **COVID-19 Resources**

- LARA Guidelines for Safe Child Care Operations
- https://bit.ly/3puOdMa





# QUESTIONS TO ASK PARENTS/GUARDIANS WHEN REPORTING AN ILL CHILD.



Instruct parents / guardians to leave as detailed as possible message regarding their student's absence.

- Exact nature of illness
- Onset of symptoms
- Vomiting?
- Diarrhea?
- Fever?
- Sore throat or Cough?
- Loss of taste or smell?
- Was child seen by doctor?

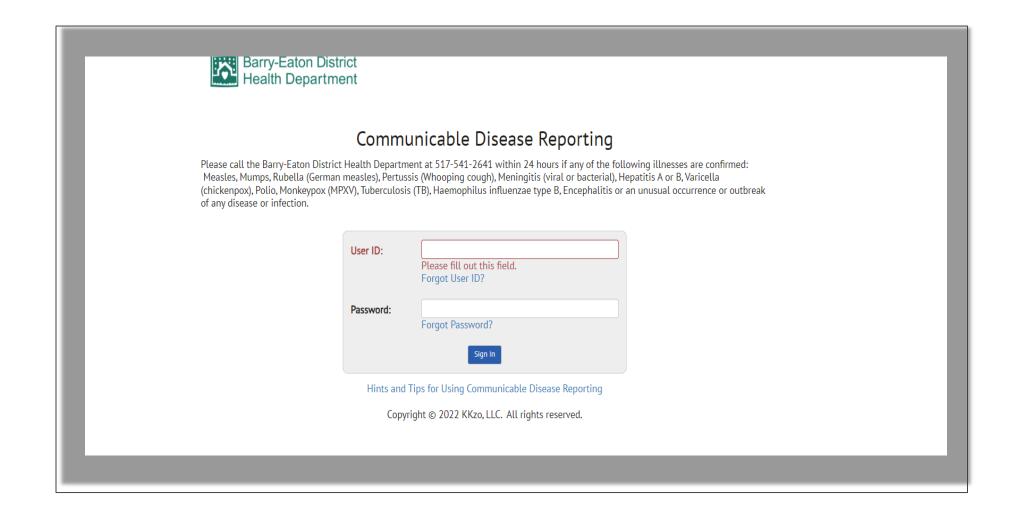


### COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORTING WEBSITE

#### **County Specific Sites**

- For reporting schools and daycares in Barry County
  - https://www.communicablediseasereporting.com/barry
- For reporting schools and daycares in Eaton County
  - <u>https://www.communicablediseasereporting.com/eaton</u>







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#### **Communicable Disease Reporting**

For your convenience, our reporting website allows you to enter your communicable report for last week through Tuesday of this week. If you had no illnesses to report for a week, then you are to check the 'Nothing to Report' box in Section 1 on your online form. Your data must be input by Tuesday to keep your facility in compliance with the State of Mchigan's requirements.

#### Weekly Communicable Disease Reporting

• Enter report for the current week, ending Friday, August 19, 2022

#### COVID-19 Reporting

Different than the weekly reports you submit above, submitting a COVID-19 report to the health department is sent immediately after you click the Submit button on the following page.

Once you click the link below to create a report, you will a limited time to complete the form. Please collect any close contact information before continuing.

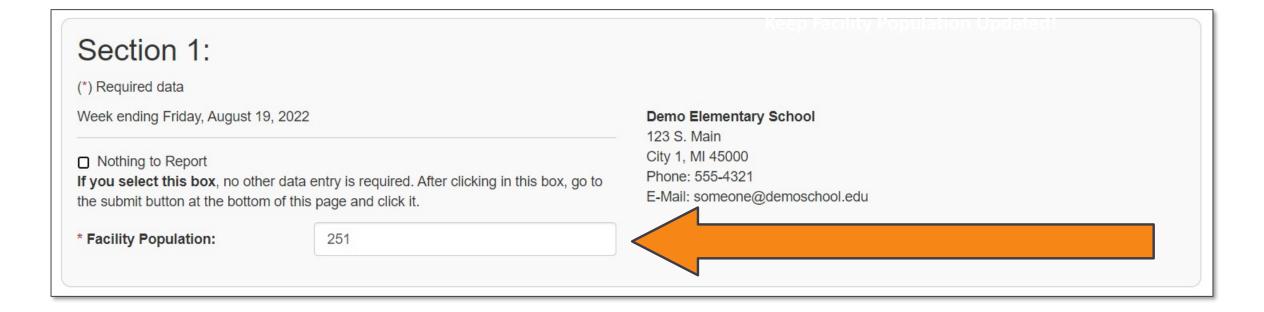
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#### Other

Sign Out

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- If there are no illnesses to report
  - Select the box indicating Nothing to Report
  - Submit button at bottom of page
  - YOU ARE DONE!



#### <u>Immediate Reporting of Serious Communicable Disease or Outbreak</u>

In addition to reporting aggregate and individual cases, call your local Health Department <u>IMMEDIATELY</u> (517) 541-2641 to report any of the following serious illnesses:

Measles

**Pertussis** 

**Encephalitis Tuberculosis** 

Mumps

Haemophilus Influenza Type B
Hepatitis

Rubella

перациз

Chickenpox

**Meningitis** 

• Unusual disease occurrences and outbreaks are also <u>IMMEDIATELY</u> reportable to your LHD. An outbreak is defined as any increase in a certain type of illness. Note: if you are not certain an illness needs to be reported call your health department representative for further assistance.

Call our Case Investigation Line to report outbreaks: (517) 541-2641



\*\*NOTE: COVID

Cases will be

reported in their

own form NOT

**Section 2** 

- Fill in weekly total for each of the sections.
  - Influenza-like -- fever PLUS sore throat, cough and / or body aches
  - Gastrointestinal vomiting and / or diarrhea
  - Unknown Parents left no reason, "just not going to be in today" or "sick"

Section 3:			
Please include the NUMBER of cases. Do not list individually in the section above.			
Influenza Like Illness (Respiratory Flu):	Fever of 100 degrees or more PLUS any of the following: Sore throat, cough, body aches		
Gastrointestinal Illness ('Stomach Flu'):	Any child with vomiting and/or diarrhea		
Unknown Illness:	Parent reports 'my child is sick�		



- Record specific illness/diagnosis that is reported by parent/guardian
  - Should not be reported in this section if symptoms fit into section 3
- See list provided in section 4 or add to the "other" box provided
  - List anything reported to you that does not fit into section 3 or is not already specifically listed in this section.

Section 4: Please include the NUMBER of cases. Do not list individually in the section above.				
Cold/Bronchitis:	Sore Throat (only):			
Fever:	Scarlet Fever / Strep Throat:			
Fifth Disease:	Pink Eye:			
Lice:	Scabies:			
Impetigo:	Ring Worm:			
Mononucleosis:	Other: Disease Name: Disease Count:			



- Mark this box if school was closed due to excessive illness related absences.
- Please contact the Health Department in the event of a necessary closure due to illness.

#### Section 5:

Did school close this week due to excessive absences? O Yes 

No





#### Don't forget to submit your report.

Select submit to send report to the Health Department.



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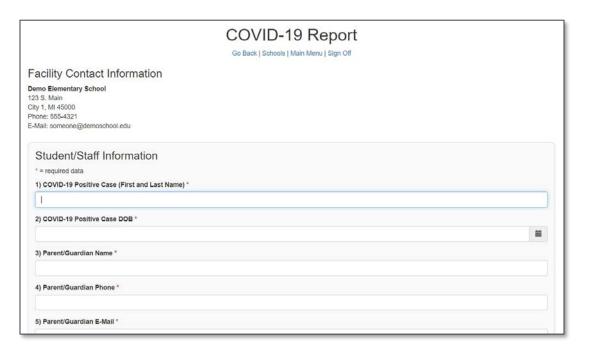
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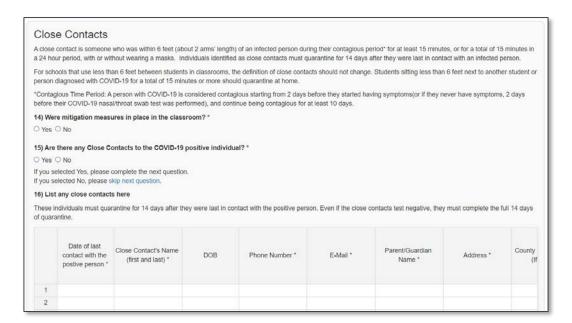
- Report COVID-19 cases daily.
- If a student tests positive through the school's antigen testing program, their case must be reported within 4 hours using this link: <a href="https://newmibridges.michigan.gov/s/isd-antigen-testing-results?language=en\_US">https://newmibridges.michigan.gov/s/isd-antigen-testing-results?language=en\_US</a>





## COVID-19 REPORTING: CLOSE CONTACTS

- If you complete the Close Contacts section of the form, you DO NOT need to email us the contact tracing spreadsheet that was used in previous years.
- BEDHD is not currently requiring contact tracing. We may require it depending on MDHHS guidance or in some outbreak situations.





### COVID-19 REPORTING: STAFF & STUDENT GROUPS

- Please use Question #22 to list:
  - If the case is a <u>staff member or student</u>
  - What grade the student is in & their teacher's name or classroom #
  - Bus numbers, sports teams, or other significant groups.

22) Please share any other information that could be helpful to know at this time.



#### **DEADLINE TO REPORT**

- Reports are due by the end of the day every FRIDAY.
- <u>Automated</u> reminders are emailed every Friday morning and Monday morning.
- If a holiday falls on a Friday or a Monday and the school will be closed, the Report is due the previous day, or before the holiday break/weekend.



### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

#### **General Communicable Disease Questions:**

- **(517) 541-2677**
- Schools@bedhd.org

#### **CD Reporting / Website Issues:**

- Racheal Clark
- **(269) 798-4125**
- Rclark@bedhd.org

#### **CD Case Investigation / Outbreak Reporting:**

**(517) 541-2641** 

