

COVID-19 School Regulations

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This year, we have been dealing with COVID-19 and things have changed for schools, businesses, and communities. These regulations and recommendations are meant to slow down the spread of COVID-19 now. The following information is what the CDC has given out.

One of the firsts regulations is masks. Masks are worn in the school building because people are in a close area. The CDC has said that the mask is meant to prevent the person that might have it from spreading it. The mask does not make it to where you will not get the illness. The face shields that people might use do not help. As the CDC has explained, the face shield does not help a person at all and even in the face shield it has a sticker saying that it doesn't even help. There are people who might have problems breathing because of a medical condition and because of that, there are things that the school has to figure out. The elementary level kids should be watched more because they could trade masks around and could spread COVID-19 faster than it would without the mask. This information is from the CDC.



Now, let's talk about maintaining the environment. The main regulation that is very important is to touch things less than they need to be touched, that includes sharing objects. The schedules should be put to where it limits the spread of germs to other students. The students that take the bus should have a seat to themselves for social distancing reasons, and wear a mask. It is recommended that you have a system that filters the air in the school building. Windows and doors are recommended to be open throughout the day. On field days it is highly recommended not to eat food that is offered and kindly decline. If the water fountains are in use, they need to be cleaned after every use.

Let's talk about when someone gets COVID-19. The main thing the school should do is make a plan on what they're going to do, and who is going to deal with the person with COVID-19. The places that the person has been to should be closed off in a way for a full 24 hours. The 24 hours is the recommended time to clean the surfaces. There should be something that keeps track of who has come in contact with the student so they know who to quarantine.