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LCS Guidelines Addendum

On September 1, 2020, the Louisiana Department of Health released an "Emergency Order" to all Louisiana schools to "provide directives and guidance pertaining to reporting of information regarding known and suspected positive COVID-19 cases occurring in public, private, and charter PK-12 schools."

All schools "are required to report all known or suspected positive COVID-19 cases occurring among its students and staff..." Reports are required "while still safeguarding student and staff health information." Privacy restrictions are to be followed (La. R.S. 17:3914).

To comply with this mandate, all parents/legal guardians are "to report known and suspected COVID-19 cases related to their children/dependents." If any student tests positive to COVID-19, the student's parent/legal guardian must call the school office and notify the administration. Anyone who has been in "close contact" (within six feet for at least fifteen minutes) with the infected student will be notified, subsequently quarantined (stay home and monitor symptoms for fourteen days), and/or tested. Any student who tests positive for COVID-19 is to stay home and remain isolated until they have recovered and have been determined to no longer be infectious by their doctor. A doctor's note indicating the student may return to school is required prior to the student's return to campus. The doctor's office may fax the release to school prior to the student's return.

Guidelines are to be followed to provide a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff members. Thank you for your cooperation.