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RESPONSE LEVELS FOR ON-SITE LEARNING

Helping school districts determine health risks in
relation to community spread of COVID-19

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HEALTH UPDATE

NOTE: On August 6, 2021, Judge Tim Fox issued a temporary restraining order that prohibits the enforcement of Act 1002 of 2021 pending continuing court proceedings. Under the order, there can be no enforcement action taken against any school district or charter school that adopts or implements a requirement to use masks/face coverings. It is recommended that districts and charter schools consult district legal counsel when considering the adoption or implementation of mask/face covering requirements and the applicability of current local policies.

GENERAL AUTHORITY

The Secretary of Health, in consultation with the Governor, has authority over all instances of quarantine and isolation throughout Arkansas, as necessary and appropriate to control disease in the state of Arkansas, as authorized by Ark. Code Ann. §§ 20-7-109 and 20-7-110. See also ADH Rules Pertaining to the Control of Reportable Diseases, which provide for the prevention and control of communicable diseases to protect the public health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of Arkansas.

UNDERSTANDING THE TERMINOLOGY



Point of Contact

Appointed by the superintendent, a point of contact is a district employee who is responsible for reporting positive COVID-19 cases to the Arkansas Department of Health School Hotline. This person will work with other school personnel to identify probable close contacts within the district and serve as the liaison between the school district and ADH.