



National Association of State School Nurse Consultants

Interim Guidance on the Role of the State School Nurse Consultant -- Return to School Planning – May 20, 2020

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Translate and support the development of infectious disease education, training, syndromic surveillance capacity and infrastructure at the local school system level to include:

- Training infrastructure to support local school system level work
 - a. Infectious disease prevention
 - b. Pandemic disease planning and implementation
- Integrate physical and mental health interventions in all planning
- Protocols for school syndromic surveillance reporting to state surveillance systems, e.g., cluster reporting of Influenza-Like-Illness (ILI) and Acute Gastrointestinal Illness (AGI)

Translate COVID-19 re-entry process between state education and health agency to the local school system level participating on:

- State level interagency planning
- State teams representing school nurses

Lead the dissemination of local, state, and CDC COVID-19 disease response, mitigation, and recovery guidance.

- Assist schools in calculating resources needed
- Implement evidence-based risk assessment

Communicate with boards of nursing for school nursing practice issues, e.g.,

- Telehealth policy changes for virtual school nurse visits
- Crisis Standards of Care during a state of emergency

Promote access to medical home for routine health surveillance including but not limited to:

- Annual well care visits and sports clearance
- Medical & treatment orders – including medications
- Chronic health condition management
- Screenings, e.g., vision, hearing, child find
- Immunizations

Resources

CDC -- COVID-19 [Child Care, Schools, and Youth Sports Guidance](#)

CDC -- [Notifiable Disease Surveillance Starts at State and Local Levels](#)