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# COVID-19 School Re-entry Considerations

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- How and when to collaborate
  - School nurses must be included in District level (SU/SD) planning, execution and continued operations
  - Coordination/guidance from VDH, AoE, NASN, VSSNA
  - National Incident Management System (NIMS/FEMA) Training
- Role of the school nurse
  - Expectations: data collection, school located vaccine events (non-compliance)
  - Surveillance: case management - before, during and after re-entry
  - Guidelines: exclusion, isolation rooms, symptom trackers, PPE use expectations
  - Education: school nurse, staff, student, community

# National Incident Management System (NIMS)

## Emergency Management Institute (FEMA)

### Recommended Courses for School Nurses

- [IS-100.C](#): Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100
- [IS-200.C](#): Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response
- [IS-700.B](#): An introduction to the National Incident Management System
- [IS-800.C](#): National Response Framework, an Introduction

### Recommended Courses for Emergency Management preparation

- [IS-362.A](#): Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools
- [IS-366.A](#): Planning for the Needs of Children in Disasters
- [IS-368](#): Including People with Disabilities & Others with Access & Functional Needs in Disaster Operations
- [IS-405](#): Overview of Mass Care/Emergency Assistance
- [IS-520](#): Introduction to Continuity of Operations Planning for Pandemic Influenzas
- [IS-522](#): Exercising Continuity Plans for Pandemics (currently being reviewed and revised)

### Other helpful courses for school nurses to gain knowledge of how the Administration views the Emergency Management philosophy

- [IS-230.D](#): Fundamentals of Emergency Management
- [IS-235.C](#): Emergency Planning
- [IS-240.B](#): Leadership and Influence
- [IS-317](#): Introduction to Community Response Teams

# School Re-entry Considerations (cont.)

- Health office needs: How to prepare
  - Preparation for increased health office visit: staffing implications
  - PPE: masks, respirators, gloves, gowns, goggles, face shields
  - Equipment: nebulizers, tele-health
- Risks:
  - Transmission at school (students, staff, SN)
  - Mental health/counseling
- Next steps:
  - NASN guiding document as basis for Vermont action plan
  - Coordinate with all VT SNs, VDH and AoE
  - Consolidate ideas, concerns, documents for coordinated statewide guidance
  - Request a Joint statement with the Vermont Superintendents Association

# Joint Statement: COVID-19 Surge Support

- Joint Statement Concerning School Nurses Who May Wish to Serve in COVID-19 Related Response Settings
- Organizations Involved
  - Vermont State School Nurses Association
  - Vermont Department of Health
  - Vermont Superintendents Association
  - Vermont NEA
- Purpose: ... this joint communication is to provide unified and consistent recommendations to state policy makers, school boards, superintendents, principals, school nurses, and local union leaders about the state's expressed need for additional health care providers, specifically nurses.

# Vermont Nurse and Nurse Practitioner Coalition

- **Coalition members:** VSSNA, ANA-Vermont, Vermont Nurse Practitioner Association and Organization of Nurse Leaders (MA NH RI CT VT)

- [NASN COVID-19 Survey Link](#)

**Purpose:** To elicit the impact of COVID-19 on health in schools, and the school nurses. We will use the information to advise school-related health crises and infection control measures policies, as well as highlight school nurse activities.

- [ANA-Vermont Nurse Huddle: Debrief with Colleagues](#)

**Purpose:** During this period where all of us are dealing with COVID-19, these “huddles” will give Vermont’s nurses a chance to reflect and debrief with other nurses, and to provide resiliency practices in real time (no membership required)

- [COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) Guidance \(4/17/20\)](#)

**Purpose:** This VDH Document shares what to wear if you are in a hospital with COVID+ patient, a nursing home, or just going to get groceries.