

# Gadsden City Schools Pandemic Response Plan

## I. Background

This emergency preparedness planning document addresses how the State of Alabama Department of Education (ALSDE) and the Gadsden City Board of Education (GCBOE) respond to pandemic influenza through its School System and Individual School Safety Plan. This document will be periodically reviewed and updated by the GCBOE Health Services Coordinator as directed by the ALSDE Pandemic Preparedness Executive Planning Committee and the State School Nurse Consultant, to ensure that information contained within the document is consistent with current knowledge and changing infrastructure.

## II. Purpose

The GCBOE has developed this Pandemic Preparedness Plan (PPP) to appropriately prepare and respond to a pandemic outbreak.

## III. Assumptions

Pandemic preparedness planning is based on the following general assumptions:

- ▶ Susceptibility to the pandemic influenza subtype will be universal.
- ▶ The clinical disease attack rate will be 30% in the overall population. Illness rates will be highest among school-aged children (about 40%) and decline with age. Among working adults, an average of 20% will become ill during a community outbreak.
- ▶ Of those who become ill with influenza, 50% will seek outpatient medical care.
- ▶ The number of hospitalizations and deaths will depend on the virulence of the pandemic virus. Estimates differ about 10 fold between more and less severe scenarios. Because the virulence of the influenza virus that causes the next pandemic cannot be predicted, two scenarios are presented based on extrapolation of past pandemic experience.

Risk Groups for severe and fatal infections cannot be predicted with certainty.

- ▶ During annual fall and winter influenza season, infants and the elderly, persons with chronic illnesses and pregnant women are usually at higher risk of complications from influenza infections. In contrast, in the 1918 pandemic, most deaths occurred among young, previously healthy adults.
- ▶ The typical incubation period (the time between acquiring the infection until becoming ill), for influenza averages 2 days. We assume this would be the same for a novel strain that is transmitted between people by respiratory secretions.

- ▶ Persons who become ill may shed virus and can transmit infection for one-half to one day before the onset of illness. Viral shedding and the risk for transmission will be greatest during the first 2 days of illness. Children will shed the greatest amount of virus and therefore are likely to pose the greatest risk for transmission.
- ▶ On average about 2 secondary infections will occur as a result of transmission from someone who is ill. Some estimates from past pandemics have been higher, with up to about 3 secondary infections per primary case.
- ▶ In an affected community, a pandemic outbreak will last about 6 to 8 weeks. At least two pandemic disease waves are likely. Following the pandemic, the new viral subtype is likely to continue circulating and to contribute to seasonal influenza.
- ▶ The seasonality of a pandemic cannot be predicted with certainty. The largest waves in the U.S. during 20<sup>th</sup> century pandemics occurred in the fall and winter. Experience from the 1957 pandemic may be instructive in that the first U.S. cases occurred in June but no community outbreaks occurred until August and the first wave of illness peaked in October.

Pandemic Preparedness planning is based on the following ALSDE assumptions:

- ▶ In the event of a pandemic the ALSDE will have minimal resources available for LEA assistance, therefore, Gadsden City Schools will be responsible for school specific pandemic preparedness and response plans, including the modification of this document to be Gadsden City Schools Specific.
- ▶ Local communities may have emergency preparedness plans and/or pandemic preparedness plans in place. The local community leaders and Gadsden City Schools will communicate existing plans for effective implementation to minimize the pandemic effect.
- ▶ An effective response to pandemic influenza will require coordinated efforts of a wide variety of organizations, including public, private, health, and non-health related.
- ▶ The federal government has limited resources allocated for State and local plan implementation, therefore the ALSDE will provide supplementary resources in the event of a pandemic, which may include the redirection of personnel and monetary resources from other programs.
- ▶ The federal government has assumed the responsibility for developing materials and guidelines, to include basic communication materials for the general public on influenza, influenza vaccine, antiviral agents, and other relevant topics; information and guidelines for health care providers; and training modules. Until these materials are developed, the ALSDE in conjunction with the Alabama Department of Public Health provide such materials for the LEA's.
- ▶ A novel influenza virus strain will likely emerge in a country other than the United States, but could emerge in the United States and Possibly Alabama.
- ▶ According to the federal government it is highly likely that a moderate to severe shortage and possibly no vaccine will exist early in the course of the pandemic.
- ▶ The supply of antiviral medications for prevention and treatment of influenza will be limited.

- ▶ Infection control measures, such as, isolating the sick, screening travelers, and reducing the number of public gatherings, may help to slow the spread of influenza early in the pandemic period.
- ▶ Federal and State declarations of emergency will change legal and regulatory aspects of providing educational services during a pandemic.
- ▶ A pandemic will pose significant threats to the educational process due to widespread absenteeism.

## IV. Pandemic Influenza Phases

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the CDC have defined phases of pandemic Influenza in order to assist with planning and response activities in states. Identification and declaration of the stages outlined in Table 1 will be done at the national level.

**Table 1. WHO Pandemic Phases**

<b>WHO PANDEMIC PHASES</b>	
<i>Interpandemic period</i>	
<b>Phase 1.</b>	No new influenza virus subtypes have been detected in humans. An influenza virus subtype that has caused human infection may be present in animals. If present in animals, the risk of human infection or disease is considered to be low.
<b>Phase 2.</b>	No new influenza virus subtypes have been detected in humans. However, a circulating animal influenza virus subtype poses a substantial risk of human disease.
<i>Pandemic alert period</i>	
<b>Phase 3.</b>	Human infection(s) with a new subtype, but no human-to-human spread, or at most rare instances of spread to a close contact.
<b>Phase 4.</b>	Small cluster(s) with limited human- to-human transmission but spread is highly localized, suggesting that the virus is not well adapted to humans. <sup>b</sup>
<b>Phase 5.</b>	Larger cluster(s) but human-to- human spread still localized, suggesting the virus is becoming increasingly better adapted to humans, but may not yet be fully transmissible (substantial pandemic risk). <sup>b</sup>
<i>Pandemic period</i>	
<b>Phase 6.</b>	Pandemic phase: increased and sustained transmission in general population. <sup>b</sup>
<i>Postpandemic period</i>	
Return to phase interpandemic period.	

<sup>a</sup> The distinction between *phase 1* and *phase 2* is based on the risk of human infection or disease resulting from circulating strains in animals. The distinction would be based on various factors and their relative importance according to current scientific knowledge. Factors may include: pathogenicity in animals and humans; occurrence in domesticated animals and livestock or only in wildlife; whether the virus is enzootic or epizootic, geographically localized or widespread; other information from the viral genome; and/or other scientific information.

<sup>b</sup> The distinction between *phase 3*, *phase 4* and *phase 5* is based on an assessment of the risk of a pandemic. Various factors and their relative importance according to current scientific knowledge may be considered. Factors may include: rate of transmission;

geographical location and spread; severity of illness; presence of genes from human strains (if derived from an animal strain); other information from the viral genome; and/or other scientific information.

Reference: WHO/CDS/CSR/GIP/2005.5: WHO global influenza preparedness plan. World Health Organization, Department of Communicable Disease Surveillance and Response. Global Influenza Programme. 2005.

**Table 2. LEA Pandemic Influenza Alert Matrix (Epidemic Respiratory Infection)**

What type of transmission is confirmed?	Where are the cases?	Are the cases in Alabama/at LEA?	Alert Level
None or sporadic cases only	Anywhere in the world, outside the United States and bordering countries (Canada, or Mexico)	NO	Preparation/Ready (Novel Virus Alert)
Person-to-person transmission	Anywhere outside the United States and bordering countries	NO	Level I-Green (Pandemic Alert)
Person-to-person transmission	In the United States, Canada, and Mexico	NO	Level II-Yellow (Pandemic Imminent)
Person-to-person transmission	In Alabama or bordering states	YES	Level III-Orange (Pandemic)
Person-to-person transmission	In Alabama/Etowah County Schools	YES	Level IV-Red (Pandemic)

## V. Authority/Legal Preparedness

The ALSDE has designated the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) to oversee the influenza pandemic planning process in cooperation with local health agencies and partners. During a pandemic, HHS will have primary responsibility for:

- ▶ Making recommendations to local health departments, health care providers and facilities, and the general public to aid in minimizing the spread of influenza,
- ▶ Maintaining surveillance systems to monitor the spread of disease,
- ▶ Keeping the public informed.

While no provision of law addresses pandemic influenza specifically, some statutory provisions authorize relevant actions. The ALSDE and LEAs should be knowledgeable of the following legal issues to effectively plan and respond to influenza pandemic:

- ▶ Alabama laws and procedures on quarantine, isolation, closing premises, and suspending public meetings to minimize the spread of the virus.
- ▶ Statutes for mandatory vaccination during an infectious disease emergency.
- ▶ Medical volunteer licensure, liability, and compensation for ALSDE and LEA health care providers.
- ▶ Workers' compensation laws as they apply to health care providers and other essential personnel who have taken antivirals for prophylaxis.

## **VI. Response Activities by Level of Alertness**

### **A. Level Ready & Green (LEA alert matrix)/Interpandemic period (WHO)**

1. Access Control
2. Surveillance, Screening and Triage
3. Infection Control/Precautions
4. Communication/Education
5. Additional Preparedness Activities

### **B. Level ~~Yellow~~ & Orange (LEA alert matrix)/Pandemic Alert Period (WHO)**

1. Access Control
2. Surveillance, Screening and Triage
3. Infection Control/Precautions
4. Communication/Education
5. Additional Preparedness Activities

### **C. Level Red (LEA alert matrix)/Pandemic Period (WHO)**

1. Access Control
2. Surveillance, Screening and Triage
3. Infection Control/Precautions
4. Communication/Education
5. Additional Preparedness Activities

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PANDEMIC PHASE	Preparedness/Readiness (Novel Virus Alert)	Level I-Green (Pandemic Alert) (In addition to Preparedness/Readiness)	Level II-Yellow (Anticipate transmission from individual to individual)	Level III-Orange (Pandemic) (In addition to Level II)	Level IV-Red (Pandemic) (In addition to Level III)
<b>SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain quarterly contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>Direct Custodial Supervisor, Principals and Department heads to monitor periodic cleaning of work areas.</li> <li>Direct the Health Services Coordinator to report all suspected and confirmed cases of the pandemic to the Superintendent, County Health Department, and appropriate medical personnel.</li> <li>See attached contingency plans for essential staff and operations under prolonged staff shortages or shortages of other resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain monthly contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic through regularly scheduled staff meetings.</li> <li>Authorize distribution of informational posters that promote respiratory hygiene cough/sneeze etiquette within work area.</li> <li>Offer and encourage staff to receive annual on-site influenza vaccine.</li> <li>Direct Health Services Coordinator to provide Staff training on pandemic awareness, proper hand hygiene, cough/sneeze etiquette and use of PPE.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain weekly contact with the LEA Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>Authorize Distribution of PPE to appropriate personnel.</li> <li>Implement work area periodic cleaning plan.</li> <li>Implement the ALSDE Health Services plan for suspected and confirmed cases of pandemic infections.</li> <li>Direct the system administrators to limit or discontinue travel outside of the school district.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain daily contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>Direct the system administrators experiencing signs and symptoms of the pandemic to remain at home for 24 hours, until fever free without the aide of fever reducing agents and/or until released by a physician.</li> <li>Direct system administrators to limit or discontinue travel within the school district.</li> <li>Authorize Distribution of surgical masks to appropriate personnel.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain daily or more frequent contact, via web, dedicated phone line, and/or email, with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>GCBOE, with guidance from the County Health Department, will identify close contacts in the department to a suspect or confirmed case of the pandemic. Contacts are defined as those who spent &gt;1.5 minutes within 3 feet of the case during his/her infectious period (2 days before illness onset to five days after illness onset).</li> <li>Direct system administrators to suspend all work from work areas (Central Office, etc.).</li> <li>Superintendent will work with Board Attorney on granting administrative leave on a case by case basis.</li> <li>Superintendent will work with Board Attorney on granting administrative leave on a case by case basis.</li> </ul>

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PANDEMIC PHASE	Preparedness/Readiness (Novel Virus Alert)	Level I-Green (Pandemic Alert) (In addition to Preparedness/Readiness)	Level II-Yellow (Pandemic Contingency) (In addition to Level I)	Level III-Orange (Pandemic) (In addition to Level II)	Level IV-Red (Pandemic) (In addition to Level III)
<b>TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain quarterly contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>Personal protective equipment (PPE), gloves, wipes, hand sanitizer. Will be distributed as needed under the direction of the health services department.</li> <li>Monitor the periodic cleaning of work areas.</li> <li>Develop a plan to support digital communications by the Health Services Coordinator of suspected and confirmed cases of the pandemic to the Superintendent, County Health Department, and appropriate medical personnel.</li> <li>Identify key personnel as defined by the superintendent and develop contingency plans for operations under prolonged staff shortages or shortages of other resources.</li> <li>Ensure cross training within the department on how to setup/maintain remote access process for Level IIII.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain monthly contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic through regularly scheduled staff meetings.</li> <li>Post informational posters that promote respiratory hygiene, cough/sneeze etiquette within work area.</li> <li>Offer and encourage staff to receive annual on-site influenza vaccine.</li> <li>Staff training.</li> <li>Staff training on proper hand hygiene and cough/sneeze etiquette and use of PPE.</li> <li>Train key personnel each summer on the remote computer access process in the event of a Level III Pandemic.</li> <li>Train additional personnel on how to access and update the emergency hotline.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain weekly contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>Distribute PPE to personnel.</li> <li>Implement work area periodic cleaning plan.</li> <li>Implement the plan for suspected and confirmed cases of pandemic infections.</li> <li>When directed by the Superintendent, limit or discontinue travel outside of the school district.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain daily contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>When directed by the Superintendent, inform personnel experiencing signs and symptoms of the pandemic to remain at home for 24 hours post fever, without the aid of fever reducing agents and/or until released by a physician.</li> <li>When directed by the Superintendent, limit or discontinue travel within the school district.</li> <li>Support and facilitate the communication of PSAs on public websites as directed by the superintendent.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain daily or more frequent contact, via web, dedicated phone line, and/or email, with the LEA Nurse/Health Officer for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>The LEA, with guidance from the County Health Department, will identify close contacts in the department to a suspect or confirmed case of the pandemic. Contacts are defined as those who spent &gt;15 minutes within 3 feet of the case during his/her infectious period (2 days before illness onset to five days after illness onset).</li> <li>Notify Superintendent, Health Services Coordinator of detected cases of the pandemic within my department.</li> <li>When directed by the LEA Superintendent, suspend all work from work areas (Central Office, etc.).</li> <li>Implement plan for remote computer access by key personnel to mission critical processes online.</li> </ul>

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PANDEMIC PHASE	PREPAREDNESS/READINESS (NOVEL VIRUS ALERT)	LEVEL I-CRITICAL	LEVEL II-THREAT	LEVEL III-URGENT	LEVEL IV - RED
Coordinator of Admin. & Financial Services	<p><b>Financial Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain quarterly contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates.</li> <li>Discussed distribution of PPE with Health Services Coordinator, Janitorial Services Supervisor, and Superintendent.</li> <li>Discussed cleaning of work areas with Janitorial Services Supervisor.</li> <li>Suspected and confirmed cases shall be reported to Registered Nurse and Superintendent.</li> <li>Essential staff in Finance Dept are CSFO and Accountant. Cross-training has already been implemented in the dept., and we will explore the possibility of signing into McAleer from home with Technology Coordinator.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Financial Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain monthly contact with the health services coordinator for updates on the pandemic through regularly scheduled staff meetings.</li> <li>Informational posters will be posted in work area.</li> <li>Encourage staff to receive flu shot.</li> <li>Meet with staff on pandemic awareness.</li> <li>Discuss hygiene, etiquette and use of PPE with staff.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Financial Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain weekly contact with Registered Nurse for updates.</li> <li>Masks only to be used at school level by health care employees.</li> <li>Antibacterial wipes Lysol etc. to be used to clean work area daily.</li> <li>Encouraged staff to clean work area daily, incl. computer keyboard, mouse, calculator keys and phones.</li> <li>All suspected or confirmed cases to be reported to Registered Nurse.</li> <li>All travel has been discontinued by Superintendent at this time.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Financial Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain daily contact with Registered Nurse for updates.</li> <li>Upon notification by staff that they are experiencing symptoms, will direct them to stay home, and inquire as to sufficient leave. Will report absence to Superintendent and Registered Nurse.</li> <li>Encouraged staff to clean work area daily, incl. computer keyboard, mouse, calculator keys and phones.</li> <li>Will not authorize travel until Superintendent releases ban.</li> <li>Registered Nurse will distribute surgical masks, as needed.</li> <li>Will notify Superintendent or Registered Nurse of detected cases, who will notify other appropriate agencies.</li> </ul>	

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PANDEMIC PHASE	PREPAREDNESS/READINESS (NOVEL VIRUS ALERT)	LEVEL I-GREEN	LEVEL III-ORANGE	LEVEL IV - RED
Coordinator of Admin. & Financial Services	<p><b>INFECTION CONTROL AND PROCEDURES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health Services Coordinator and Safety and Security Director will monitor national situation.</li> <li>Health Services Coordinator and Safety and Security Director will provide updates on the pandemic. CSFO will disseminate information to Finance Dept.</li> <li>Health Services Coordinator and Safety and Security Director will provide staff training on pandemic awareness. CSFO will support recommendations within Finance Dept.</li> <li>Health Services Coordinator and Safety and Security Director will provide staff training for all personnel and students on proper hygiene and etiquette issues. CSFO will support recommendations within Finance Dept.</li> <li>Health Services Coordinator and Safety and Security Director will distribute posters/flyers on hygiene and cough/sneeze etiquette. Registered Nurse or Janitorial Services Supervisor will distribute PPE.</li> <li>Health Services Coordinator or Janitorial Services Supervisor will identify PPE storage area. Health Services Coordinator has identified LEA staff to be N-95 respirator fit tested as all nurses/LPN's.</li> <li>Janitorial Services Supervisor,</li> </ul>	<p><b>INFECTION CONTROL AND PROCEDURES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain monthly contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic through regularly scheduled staff meetings.</li> <li>Health Services Coordinator and Safety and Security Director will provide staff training on pandemic awareness. CSFO will support recommendations within Finance Dept.</li> <li>Health Services Coordinator and Safety and Security Director will provide staff training for all personnel and students on proper hygiene and etiquette issues. CSFO will support recommendations within Finance Dept.</li> <li>Health Services Coordinator and Safety and Security Director will distribute posters/flyers on hygiene and cough/sneeze etiquette. Registered Nurse or Janitorial Services Supervisor will identify PPE storage area. Health Services Coordinator has identified LEA staff to be N-95 respirator fit tested as all nurses/LPN's.</li> <li>Janitorial Services Supervisor,</li> </ul>	<p><b>INFECTION CONTROL AND PROCEDURES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain weekly contact with Registered Nurse for updates.</li> <li>Masks only to be used at school level by health care employees. Antibacterial wipes, Lysol, etc. to be used to clean work area daily.</li> <li>Encourage staff to clean work area daily, incl. computer keyboard, mouse, calculator keys and phones.</li> <li>All suspected or confirmed cases to be reported to Registered Nurse.</li> <li>Discontinue travel, as authorized by the Superintendent.</li> <li>Encourage staff to receive flu shot. Janitorial Services Supervisor, Principals, and Dept. Heads will monitor work areas for cleanliness. Health care employees w/ masks will transport ill personnel in county vehicles in an emergency. Health care employees will identify triage location in each building. Registered Nurse and Janitorial Services Supervisor will reassess all PPE for suitability of use. CSFO will get Superintendent</li> </ul>	<p><b>INFECTION CONTROL AND PROCEDURES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain daily contact with Registered Nurse for updates.</li> <li>Upon notification by staff that they are experiencing symptoms, will direct them to stay home, and inquire as to sufficient leave. Will report absence to Superintendent and Registered Nurse. Superintendent will address insufficient leave on case by case basis.</li> <li>Will not authorize travel until Superintendent releases ban.</li> <li>Registered Nurse will distribute surgical masks, as needed.</li> <li>Will notify Superintendent or Registered Nurse of detected cases, who will notify other appropriate agencies.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principals, and Dept. Heads will monitor periodic cleaning of work areas. CSFO will report suspected and confirmed cases to Superintendent or Registered Nurse.</li> <li>• Budget requests will be submitted to CSFO by Registered Nurse or Janitorial Services Supervisor to enable the purchase, if necessary, of PPE. CSFO will submit budget requests for Board or Superintendent approval.</li> <li>• Superintendent will work with Board Attorney on granting administrative leave on case by case basis.</li> <li>• Health Services Coordinator and Health Services personnel will develop policies and procedures to triage, isolate, and transport students or personnel with known or suspected cases.</li> <li>• See Identification of essential staff under Financial Services.</li> </ul>	<p>approval of any purchase orders needed for PPE.</p> <p>Superintendent will work with Board Attorney on granting administrative leave on case by case basis.</p> <p>Registered Nurse or Safety and Security Director will visit school-based clinics to assess preparedness.</p> <p>Registered Nurse or Safety and Security Director will inform essential staff members of special job responsibilities during the pandemic, if this plan does not address them.</p> <p>Registered Nurse or Safety and Security Director will report suspected or confirmed cases</p>	

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LEA PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	<p><b>Communications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain quarterly contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>Develop plans for notifying media on status of schools as it relates to the current pandemic situation.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Communications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain monthly contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic through regularly scheduled staff meetings.</li> <li>Staff training</li> <li>Pandemic awareness.</li> <li>Staff training on proper hand hygiene and cough/sneeze etiquette.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Communications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain weekly contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>Implement the plan for suspected and confirmed cases of pandemic infections.</li> <li>When directed by the L. Superintendent, limit or discontinue travel outside of the school district.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Communications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain daily contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>Work with Superintendent concerning issuing timely information on the status of the schools as it relates to the Pandemic.</li> <li>Work with Superintendent, limit or discontinue travel outside of the school district.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Communications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain daily or more frequent contact, via web, dedicated phone line, and/or email, with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>Work with Superintendent concerning issuing timely information on the status of the schools as it relates to the Pandemic.</li> </ul>

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PANDEMIC PHASE	Preparedness/Readiness (Novel Virus Alert)	Level I-Green (Pandemic Alert) (In addition to Preparedness/Readiness)	Level II-Yellow (Anteacute/Incipient) (In addition to Level I)	Level III-Orange (Pandemic) (In addition to Level II)	Level IV-Red (Pandemic) (In addition to Level III)
<b>ACCESS CONTROL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain quarterly contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>Develop a plan to monitor building access.</li> <li>Develop a plan to monitor vendor and visitor access to the facility.</li> <li>Identify essential staff and develop contingency plans for operations under prolonged staff shortages or shortages of other resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain monthly contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic through regularly scheduled staff meetings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain weekly contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>Implement the plan for suspected and confirmed cases of pandemic infections.</li> <li>When directed by the Superintendent, limit or discontinue access to vendors and visitors from within the school district.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain daily contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>When directed by the Superintendent, limit or discontinue access to vendors and visitors from within the school district.</li> <li>Notify Superintendent, County Health Department, and appropriate medical personnel of detected cases of the pandemic.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain daily or more frequent contact, via web, dedicated phone line, and/or email, with the health services coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>When directed by the Superintendent, suspend all access to the facility(s).</li> </ul>

PANDEMIC PHASE	Preparedness/Readiness (Novel Virus Alert)	Level II-Green (Pandemic Alert) (In addition to Preparedness/Readiness)	Level II-Yellow (Pandemic Limitation) (In addition to Level II)	Level III-Orange (Pandemic) (In addition to Level II)	Level IV-Red (Pandemic) (In addition to Level III)
<b>Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain quarterly contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic. Place pandemic updates on regularly scheduled staff meeting agendas, as needed.</li> <li>Plan to distribute antibacterial wipes to teachers as needed.</li> <li>Custodial services director will monitor and provide needed cleaning.</li> <li>School administrators will report suspected and confirmed cases to the Health Services Coordinator who will intern report these to the Superintendent and to the Etowah County Health Department.</li> <li>Essential staff are identified and will include the local school administrators, school bookkeeper, and custodial staff. LEA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain monthly contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the Pandemic through the regularly scheduled staff meetings.</li> <li>Post informational posters (provided by the Health Services Department) that promote respiratory hygiene cough/sneeze etiquette within work area.</li> <li>Publicize dates of availability to all staff members.</li> <li>Health Services staff will train employees on pandemic awareness.</li> <li>Staff will be trained on methods of curriculum delivery during a pandemic at the curriculum project update in the fall.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain weekly contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic by weekly staff meetings or email.</li> <li>Distribute antibacterial wipes and/or fitted masks as appropriate.</li> <li>Custodial staff will implement periodic cleaning plan for school Students seen in school nurses office will be monitored for confirmation of suspected cases. Parents will be notified of procedure for reporting suspected or confirmed cases that are diagnosed outside of school.</li> <li>When directed by the superintendent and influenza is confirmed in neighboring counties, travel outside neighboring counties, travel will be limited or suspended.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain daily contact via Email/phone, with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>When directed by the Superintendent, inform personnel experiencing signs and symptoms of the pandemic to remain at home for 24 hours and/or until released by a physician.</li> <li>When confirmed cases are in the county or in LEA schools, eliminate itinerant teacher travel, close CTC to reduce chance of exposure to all communities.</li> <li>Notify Health Services Coordinator of detected cases of the pandemic influenza.</li> <li>Monitor activities of AESOP substitutes to reduce chance of exposure to students and staff.</li> <li>Days missed due to closing of schools will be made up. Instruction will pick up where left off upon closing of schools.</li> </ul>	

extended absence ALSDE requires days missed due to schools being closed to be made up. Instruction will be delivered upon resumption of school to insure that all curriculum standards are addressed. Teachers will be encouraged to refer to curriculum framework and recommended timelines in providing instruction. In the event that missed days are not to be made up (change of state law.) Plan will be revised to include methods of instructional delivery.	

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<b>GCBOE School Operations/Janitorial</b>	<p><b>School Facilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain quarterly contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>Develop a plan to distribute personal protective equipment (PPE).</li> <li>Develop a plan to monitor periodic cleaning of physical spaces.</li> <li>Develop a plan to report suspected and confirmed cases of the pandemic to the GCBOE Superintendent, Health Services Coordinator, County Health Department, and appropriate medical personnel.</li> <li>Identify essential staff and develop contingency plans for operations under prolonged staff shortages or shortages of other resources.</li> </ul>	<p><b>School Facilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain monthly contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic through regularly scheduled staff meetings.</li> <li>Post informational posters that promote respiratory hygiene cough/sneeze etiquette within work area.</li> <li>Offer and encourage staff to receive annual influenza vaccine.</li> <li>Staff training on pandemic awareness by Health Services Dept.</li> <li>Staff training on proper hand hygiene and cough/sneeze etiquette by Health Services Dept.</li> </ul>	<p><b>School Facilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain weekly contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>Distribute PPE to personnel.</li> <li>Implement work area periodic cleaning plan.</li> <li>Implement the plan for suspected and confirmed cases of pandemic infections.</li> <li>When directed by the GCBOE Superintendent, inform personnel experiencing signs and symptoms of the pandemic to remain at home until they are fever free for 24 hours without the aide of fever reducers and/or until released by a physician.</li> <li>When directed by the GCBOE Superintendent, limit or discontinue travel outside of the school district.</li> </ul>	<p><b>School Facilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain daily contact via Email/phone, with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>When directed by the GCBOE Superintendent, implement work area periodic cleaning plan.</li> <li>Implement the plan for suspected and confirmed cases of pandemic infections.</li> <li>When directed by the GCBOE Superintendent, inform personnel experiencing signs and symptoms of the pandemic to remain at home until they are fever free for 24 hours without the aide of fever reducers and/or until released by a physician.</li> <li>When directed by the GCBOE Superintendent, limit or discontinue travel within the school district.</li> <li>Distribute surgical masks to personnel.</li> <li>Notify GCBOE Superintendent, County Health Department, and appropriate medical personnel of detected cases of the pandemic.</li> </ul>	<p><b>School Facilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain daily or more frequent contact, via web, dedicated phone line, and/or email, with the GCBOE Nurse/Health Officer for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>The GCBOE, with guidance from the County Health Department, will identify close contacts in the department to a suspect or confirmed case of the pandemic. Contacts are defined as those who spent &gt;15 minutes within 3 feet of the case during his/her infectious period (2 days before illness onset to five days after illness onset).</li> <li>When directed by the GCBOE Superintendent, suspend use of facility(s).</li> </ul> <p>* After a facility is closed for the recommended time the custodians will come back in to give the facility a thorough cleaning.</p> <p>* If I am not able to work, the maintenance department will take care of my duties.</p>

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EVENT/VENUE					
<b>Field Trips</b> <b>Clubs</b> <b>Band</b> <b>Gymnasium</b> <b>Football Field</b> <b>Baseball Field</b> <b>Softball Field</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain quarterly contact with the Health Service Coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>Develop a plan to distribute personal protective equipment (PPE).</li> <li>Develop a plan to monitor periodic cleaning of work areas (buses and bus shop).</li> <li>Develop a plan to report suspected and confirmed cases of the pandemic to the Superintendent, Health Services Coordinator and County Health Department.</li> <li>Identify essential staff and develop contingency plans for operations under prolonged staff shortages or shortages of other resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain monthly contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic through regularly scheduled staff meetings.</li> <li>Post informational posters that promote respiratory hygiene cough/sneeze etiquette within work area.</li> <li>Offer and encourage staff to receive annual on-site influenza vaccine.</li> <li>Staff training on pandemic awareness.</li> <li>Staff training on proper hand hygiene and cough/sneeze etiquette and use of PPE.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain weekly contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>Distribute PPE to personnel.</li> <li>Implement work area periodic cleaning plan.</li> <li>Implement the plan for suspected and confirmed cases of pandemic infections.</li> <li>When directed by the Superintendent, limit or discontinue travel outside of the school district.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When directed by the Superintendent, cancel all extra-curricular activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When directed by the Superintendent, cancel all extra-curricular activities.</li> </ul>

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<b>Transportation Director</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain quarterly contact with the Health Services coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>Develop a plan to distribute antibacterial wipes/cleaning supplies for use by bus drivers.</li> <li>Develop a plan to report suspected and confirmed cases of the pandemic to the Superintendent and Health Services Coordinator.</li> <li>Identify essential staff and develop contingency plans for operations under prolonged staff shortages or shortages of other resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain monthly contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic through regularly scheduled staff meetings.</li> <li>Post informational posters that promote respiratory hygiene (cough/sneeze etiquette) with in work areas.</li> <li>Offer and encourage staff to receive annual onsite influenza vaccine.</li> <li>Staff training re: pandemic awareness coordinated by health services department.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain weekly contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>Distribute antibacterial wipes/cleaning supplies for use by bus drivers.</li> <li>Implement work area periodic cleaning plan.</li> <li>Implement the plan for suspected and confirmed cases of pandemic infections.</li> <li>When directed by the Superintendent, limit or discontinue travel within the school district.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain daily contact with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>When directed by the Superintendent, inform personnel experiencing signs and symptoms of the pandemic to remain at home until they are fever free for 24 hours and/or until released by a physician.</li> <li>When directed by the Superintendent, limit or discontinue travel outside of the school district.</li> <li>Notify Superintendent Health Services Coordinator of detected cases of the pandemic.</li> <li>Staff training on proper hand hygiene and cough/sneeze etiquette and use of PPE.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain daily or more frequent contact, via web, dedicated phone line, and/or email, with the Health Services Coordinator for updates on the pandemic.</li> <li>The Health Services Coordinator, with guidance from the Etowah County Health Department, will identify close contacts in the department to a suspect or confirmed case of the pandemic. Contacts are defined as those who spent &gt;15 minutes within 3 feet of the case during his/her infectious period (2 days before illness onset to five days after illness onset).</li> <li>When directed by the Superintendent, suspend all transportation and work at the bus shop.</li> </ul>

Health Services Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maintain quarterly contact with the Alabama Department of Public Health the CDC, and the State School Nurse Consultant for updates on the pandemic. Relay information to the superintendent as well as all department heads at staff meetings.</li> <li>● Inventory amount of N95 masks, surgical masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, etc. Order additional items.</li> <li>● Continue daily cleaning and disinfecting of health services rooms.</li> <li>● Introduce plan of reporting confirmed cases of flu</li> <li>● Coordinate plan to cover schools when multiple nurses are absent.</li> <li>● Coordinate with technology to place pandemic flu educational materials on the health services link to be used by teachers .</li> <li>● Coordinate with technology to place “flu updates” on the website for parent access.</li> <li>● In the absence of the Health Services Coordinator, the Assistant Coordinator will assume all duties.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maintain weekly contact with the Alabama Department of Public Health, CDC and State School Nurse Consultant, for updates on the pandemic. Relay these updates through email to Superintendent and all department heads.</li> <li>● Distribute informational posters that promote respiratory hygiene cough/sneeze etiquette within work area.</li> <li>● Offer and encourage staff to receive annual on-site influenza vaccine. Coordinate vaccine clinics for staff/students with the Immunization Coordinator form ADPH.</li> <li>● Implement work area periodic cleaning plan.</li> <li>● Conduct Staff training pandemic awareness.</li> <li>● Staff training on proper hand hygiene and cough/sneeze etiquette and use of PPE.</li> <li>● Maintain daily contact with the Alabama Department of Public Health and CDC for updates on the pandemic. Relay this information by email or phone to the Superintendent.</li> <li>● Place daily flu updates on the county website for parent access (if needed).</li> <li>● When directed by the Superintendent, inform personnel experiencing signs and symptoms of the pandemic to remain at home for 24 hours post fever, without the aide of fever reducing agents and/or until released by a physician.</li> <li>● Implement plan for reporting confirmed cases of flu in schools.</li> <li>● Instruct nurses to follow state algorithm for suspected cases of flu.</li> <li>● Discontinue travel within the school district.</li> <li>● Notify Superintendent, of deceased cases of the pandemic within my department.</li> <li>● Maintain daily contact with the Alabama Department of Public Health and CDC for updates on the pandemic from the County Health Department, with guidance from the County Health Department, will identify close contacts in the department to a suspect or confirmed case of the pandemic. Contacts are defined as those who spent &gt;15 minutes within 3 feet of the case during his/her infectious period (2 days before illness onset to five days after illness onset).</li> <li>● When directed by the Superintendent, limit or discontinue travel within the school district.</li> <li>● Notify Superintendent, of deceased cases of the pandemic within my department.</li> </ul>
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