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FYI – COVID-19 update from VDH.

From: Virginia Department of Health <vdh@public.govdelivery.com>
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Dear Partners,

The Virginia Department of Health will be retiring the Interim Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention for Students, Teachers and Staff in Child Care, K-12 Schools, and Day Camp Settings from the VDH Coronavirus K-12 Schools and Child Care Programs webpage on May 31, 2023. VDH encourages our partners to refer to the CDC's Operational Guidance for K12 Schools and Early Care Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning for up-to-date considerations.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Why is VDH retiring the K-12 and Child Care COVID-19 Guidance Document?

- At this point in the COVID-19 pandemic, with favorable data trends and the recent ending of the Public Health Emergency, VDH recommends that our stakeholders and partners visit the CDC's Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning for considerations to help prevent the spread of infectious diseases, including the virus that causes COVID-19, in K-12 schools and childcare settings.

Will the VDH still investigate outbreaks in K-12 schools and childcare settings?

- Yes. The Virginia Department of Health is committed to keeping our communities safe by responding to reports of suspected outbreaks of infectious diseases, including COVID-19, in the K-12 schools, childcare and day camp settings.

How do I report a suspected outbreak of COVID-19 in K-12 schools and childcare settings?

- Certain facilities or programs, such as residential or day programs, services or facilities licensed or operated by any agency of the Commonwealth, schools, child care centers, and summer camps are required to report the presence or suspected presence of an outbreak to the local health department per the Code of Virginia (12VAC5-90-90). Suspected outbreaks can be reported to your local health department using VDH's Suspected Outbreak Reporting Portal or by calling your LHD. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at covidcontainment@vdh.virginia.gov.

Best regards,

The VDH K-12 COVID-19 Testing Team

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