

## Instructions for 10% Illness Reporting for Iowa PreK-12 Schools

All Iowa schools serving pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are asked to report to the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) student absenteeism due to illness on any day when 10% or more of the total students expected to attend in-person learning is absent due to illness. IDPH added COVID-19 illness-related questions last year during the 2020-21 school year. See below for clarification on how to count illness and enrollment when reporting as well as the link for the reporting tool.

### Total number of students absent due to illness of any kind and who were expected to attend school today for in-person learning

#### DO COUNT

- Students expected to attend in-person classes who are absent today due to reported illness of any kind
- Students expected to attend in-person classes who are absent today because they are in isolation due to a positive COVID-19 result and/or COVID-19 symptoms

#### DO NOT COUNT

- students absent for reasons not related to illness (e.g., vacation)
- students who are quarantined at home (not currently ill or positive for COVID-19) due to an exposure to COVID-19
- students attending schools online as expected for the day

### Total number of students expected for in-person learning today

#### DO COUNT

- The number of students reported absent due to illness and isolation would be expected to attend, PLUS
- Students attending in-person classes today

#### DO NOT COUNT

- students absent for reasons not related to illness (e.g., vacation, quarantine, schedule to attend online) as explained in the last question

**Example:** School A has an enrollment of 1000. On Fridays, normally 400 students are scheduled to attend in-person learning. Of those 400 students, 50 have a parent call in to report the student is ill, 5 are home due to isolation, and 24 are home in quarantine, and one is excused for a surgery not related to illness. The school should report the following:

Total number of students absent due to illness of any kind: **55 (50 ill + 5 in isolation)**

Total number of students expected for in-person learning today: **375 (do not count quarantine or non-illness absence)**

Percent absent due to illness of any kind: **14.7%. Report these numbers to IDPH using the tool linked below.**

10% Illness Reporting Tool: <https://redcap.idph.state.ia.us/surveys/?s=DRXJXY8X9X>

IDPH COVID-19 Guidance: <https://idph.iowa.gov/emerging-health-issues/novel-coronavirus>