

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

All Iowa schools serving pre-kindergarten through 12th 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 has updated the 2020-21 10% illness reporting tool to include COVID-19 illness-related questions. 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 in the last question, 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: redcap.idph.state.ia.us/surveys/?s=LEFK7E779R

Iowa COVID-19 K-12 Guidance: idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus/Guidance