# Protecting and Improving the Health of lowans 

IDWA Department听PUBLIC HEALTH

## Instructions for 10\% IIIness Reporting for lowa PreK-12 Schools

All lowa schools serving pre-kindergarten through $12^{\text {th }}$ grade students are asked to report to the lowa 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 inperson 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 ( $\mathbf{5 0} \mathbf{~ i l l}+\mathbf{5}$ in isolation)
Total number of students expected for in-person learning today: $\mathbf{3 7 5}$ (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

