



COVID-19: CHANGES IN PHYSICAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES

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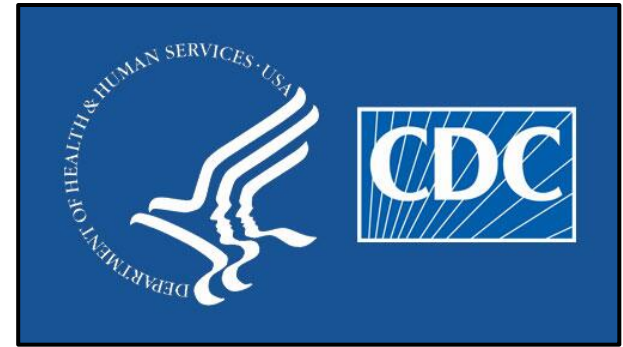
Distancing By Level



Elementary Schools

Students should be at least **3 feet** apart in classrooms where everyone is masked, regardless of level of community transmission

Distancing By Level

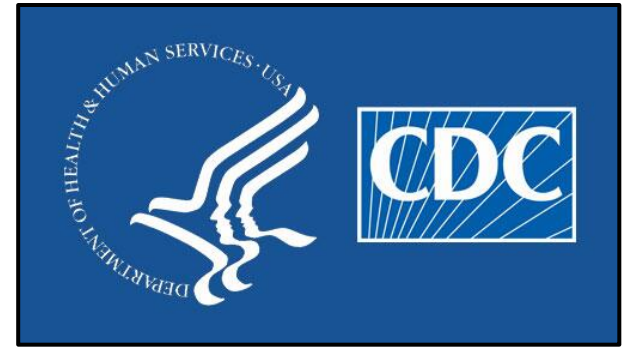


Secondary Schools

Students should be at least **3 feet** apart in classrooms where everyone is masked **where *transmission is low, moderate, or substantial.***

OR

Distancing By Level



Secondary Schools

Students should be at least **6 feet** apart in classrooms where everyone is masked ***where transmission is high—if cohorting is not possible.***

Distancing By Level

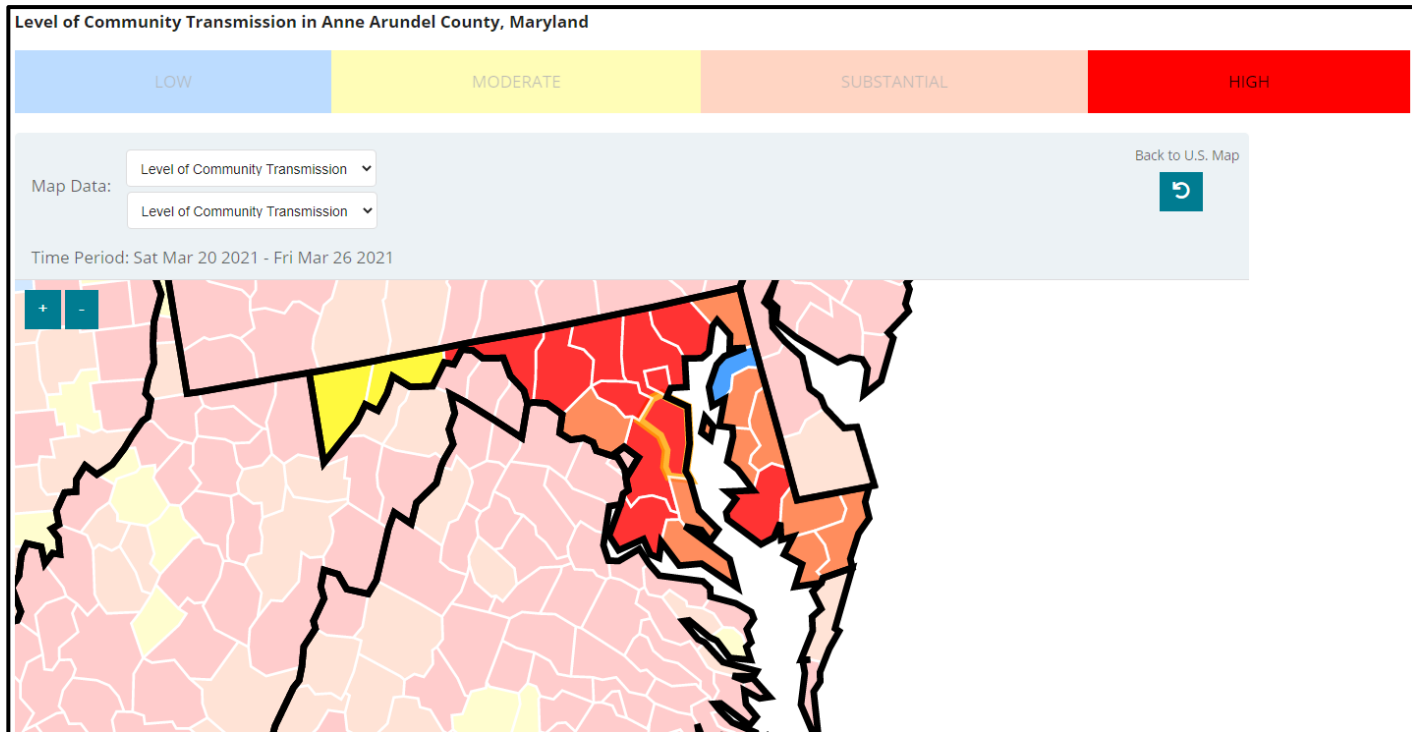
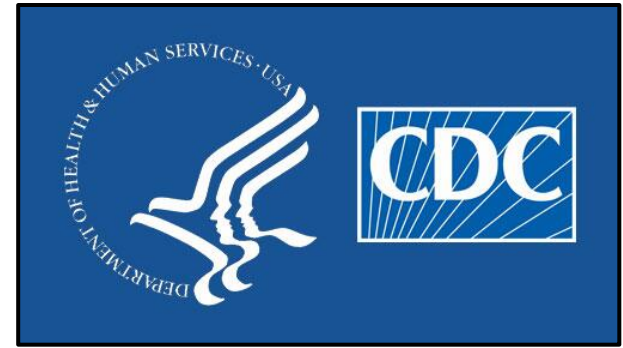


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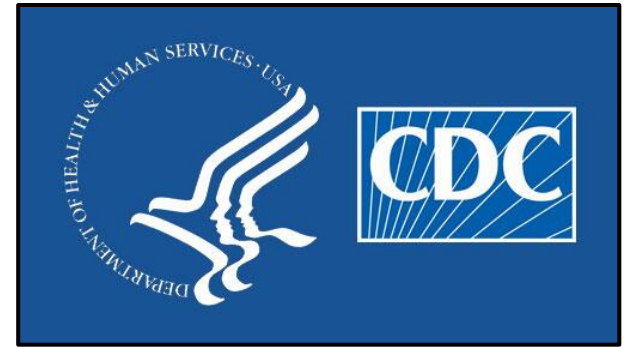
*“When groups of **students** are kept together with the same peers and staff throughout the school day to reduce the risk for spread throughout the school.”*

Transmission Level: Where Are We Now?



Source: covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view

Other Implications



**CDC continues to recommend
at least 6 feet of distance:**

- between adults in the school building
and *between adults and students.*

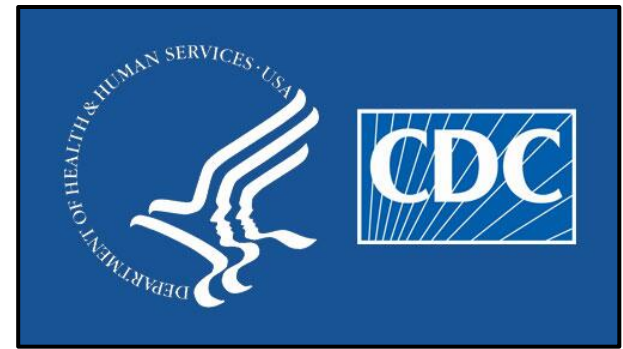
Other Implications



**CDC continues to recommend
at least 6 feet of distance:**

- when masks can't be worn, such as when eating.

Other Implications



No changes to bus capacity per CDC, MSDE



Other Implications



If Contact Tracing radius is 3 feet:

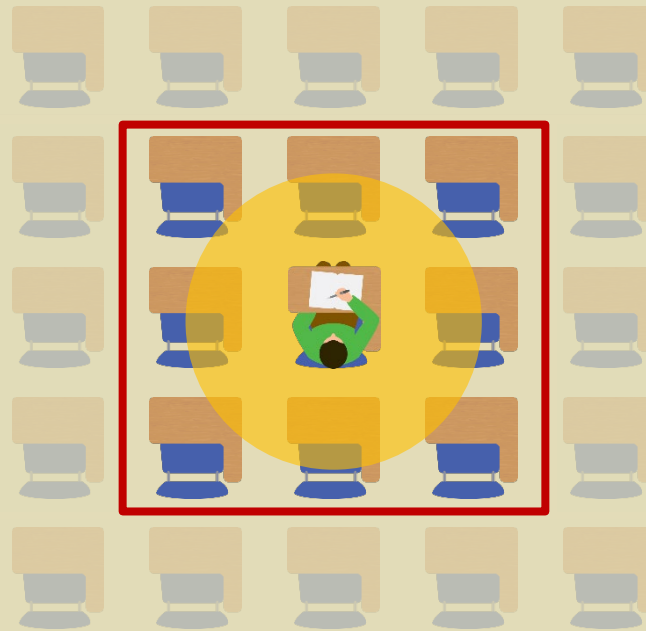


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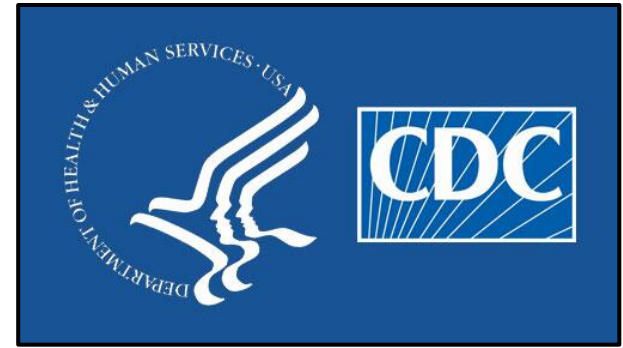
Contact Tracing

3 foot
radius



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Other Implications



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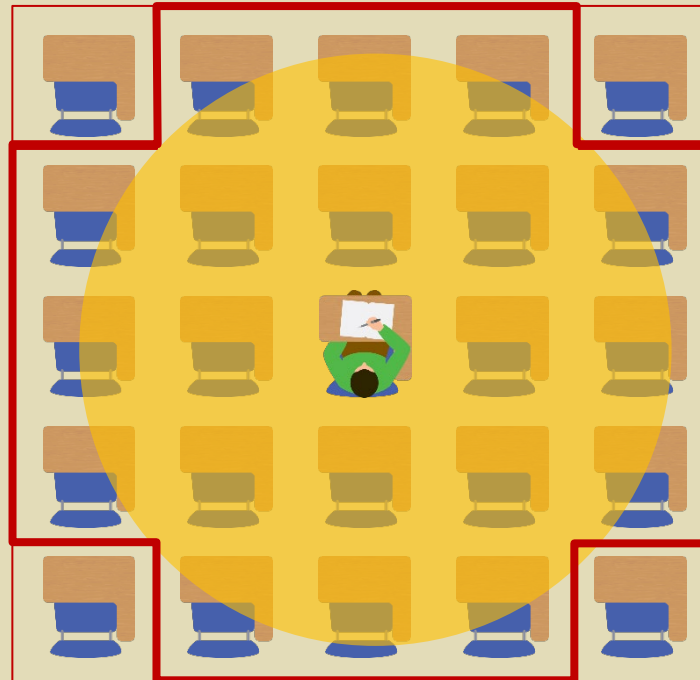


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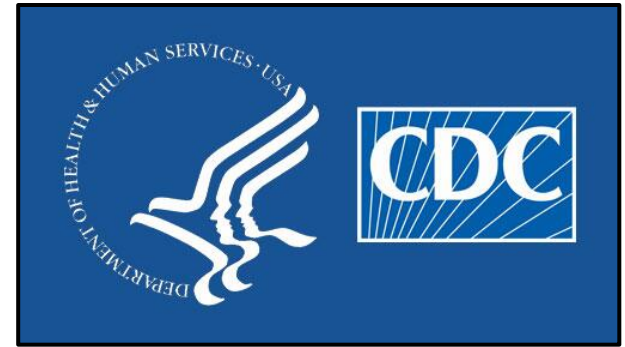
Contact Tracing

6 foot
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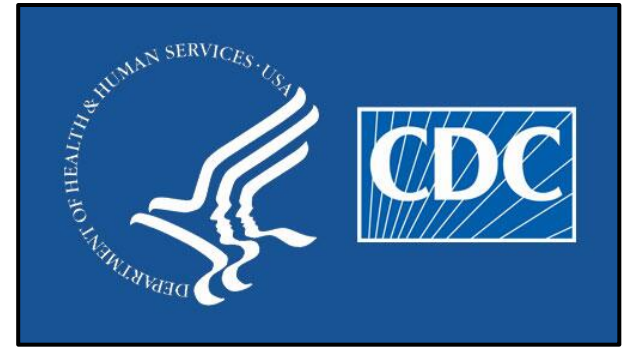
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Key Points & Concerns

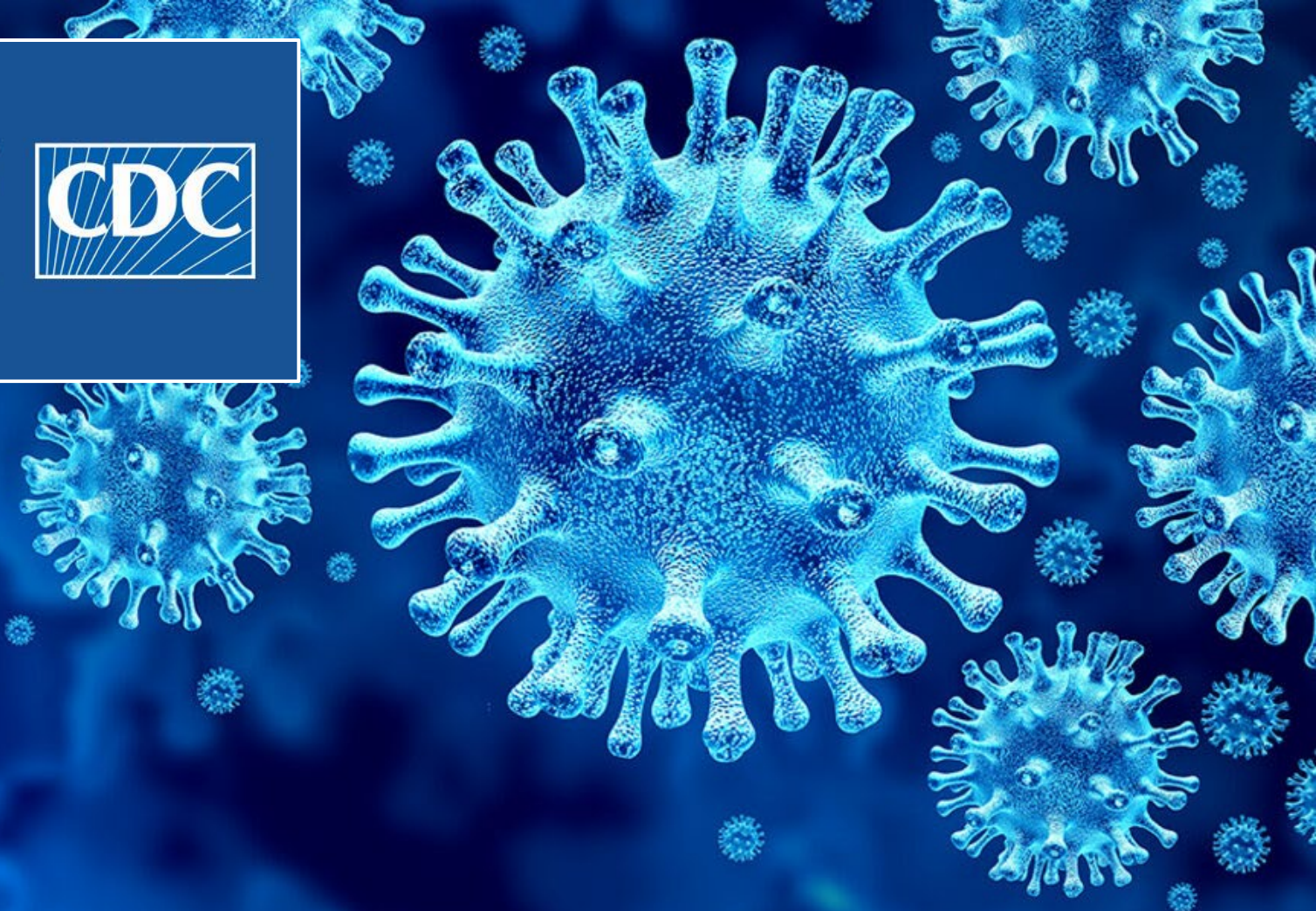


- **3 feet distancing for ES; MS and HS** are recommended to remain at 6 feet
- **3 feet distancing pertains to only within classroom;** no change to distancing on buses or throughout the school
- **6 feet distancing when eating**

Key Points & Concerns



- **No change to contact tracing protocols**
(increased number of quarantines)
- **Ability of FNS staff to maintain current meal service**
- **Student supervision for midday block**
- **Instructional staff accommodations**



QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION