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SUPT’S EMAIL: Updated VDH Interim Guidance for Mitigation Measures in K-12 Settings

On Friday, October 23, 2020, the Virginia Department of Health published updates to its Interim Guidance for Mitigation Measures in K-12 Settings. The updated Interim Guidance is best used together with the CDC Indicators for Dynamic School Decision-Making framework to help inform decisions about school operations and necessary mitigation strategies. Revisions clarify the original intent of the guidance, emphasizing the importance of contemplating several indicators and understanding nuanced local context. The guidance is intended to help inform conversations, but not dictate local decisions.

The updated guidance and additional information can be found on the VDH Pandemic Metrics Dashboard under the Guidance Documents tab, at: https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/key-measures/pandemic-metrics/

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