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COVID-19 Emergency Preparedness Plan

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City Schools Emergency Preparedness Plan

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Key Tenets of Emergency Preparedness Plan:

- Collaboration with Baltimore City Health Department
- Internal and external communications plan
- Increased cleaning of schools
- Contingency plans for school closure

Collaboration with Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD)

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City Schools is working closely with BCHD on all issues directly related to school health including:

- Preventative measures & basic messaging
- Screening protocols for symptomatic students
- Dissemination of guidance related to COVID-19

Internal and External Communications

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- The district is developing a **COVID-19 webpage** and will provide **regular updates** to families as well as guidance for staff
- **Two-way communication** will be available to all staff and community members who have questions related to the virus
- City Schools has an **emergency communication plan** to ensure all critical staff at City Schools and BCHD have the information they need as fast-paced situations unfold

School Cleanliness

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- City Schools facilities personnel and custodians have increased their focus on disinfecting schools
- We continue to emphasize the importance of regular and thorough handwashing by ensuring that all buildings are **appropriately stocked with soap and refilled throughout the day**
- The district has developed an emergency deep cleaning plan for schools with confirmed cases

Contingency Plans for School Closure

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- City Schools will provide instructional activities for all students if schools are closed
- Consistent communication will go to staff and families around safety guidance and academic expectations
- City Schools will follow the guidance of the city's **Emergency Food Working Group** to determine food and nutrition plans

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