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Good afternoon,

Today, ISBE published on its webpage a new health-based [Frequently Asked Questions document from the Department of Public Health \(IDPH\)](#). The agency worked closely with IDPH to ensure health-based FAQs were addressed prior to the start of school. The document does not replace the [Part 3 Joint Transition Guidance](#). Rather, it seeks to support schools in knowing what to do if a student displays a COVID-19 related symptom or the school experiences a positive case. The FAQ also addresses many other health-related questions. As always, we recommend a close relationship with your local department of public health.

ISBE will continue working with IDPH to ensure you have the information you need to keep your school safe and healthy during this uncertain time.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carmen I. Ayala".

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