Key data element Definitions

**Primary Infections:**
Primary infections are the result of an exposure to COVID-19 in the community. These are infections your students or staff show up to school with that have been determined to be due to an exposure outside of school. These are sometimes referred to as community-acquired cases.

**Secondary Infections:**
Secondary infections are the result of an exposure to COVID-19 at school. These are infections deemed to be due to an exposure to another student or staff member in the school environment. These are sometimes referred to as within-school transmission.

**Quarantine:**
Quarantine refers to students or staff who have been exposed to COVID-19 being asked to stay home from school for a set amount of time.

**Masking:**
Approximate percent consistently masked is an estimate of about what percent of the total student or staff population at a given school was appropriately masked during the previous week. Appropriate masking includes wearing of a mask covers the nose and goes beneath the chin. Schools may approach obtaining this number in a variety of ways. Some ideas include visiting the each school throughout the week and walking through the building to observe masking compliance, asking building principals to send a weekly estimate, visiting a certain number of classrooms per building and counting masks appropriately worn vs not, asking specific teachers or other staff for input about masking compliance on a weekly basis.