

Children's Wisconsin offers expert guidance to schools during COVID-19 pandemic

As our communities navigated the many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, our schools worked hard to help ensure the well-being of students, families and school personnel. Even before the pandemic, several Children's Wisconsin pediatricians provide guidance to their local schools, boards and districts on kids' health-related matters, including serving as medical advisors. These partnerships became especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic as public health experts were learning new information about the virus each day. Having access to pediatric expertise and guidance was critical as schools implemented health and safety measures, such as physical distancing, hand washing, sanitation, mask-wearing and more.

In particular, Children's leaders and providers partnered closely with the Southeastern Wisconsin Schools Alliance (SWSA), a regional collaborative including school district administrators and board members from urban, suburban and rural K-12 schools in southeastern Wisconsin representing approximately 25 percent of Wisconsin's public school students. Children's physicians helped them manage the ever-changing COVID-19 environment, offering a range of Facebook Live events and resources that were ultimately shared with schools and families across the state.

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