

COVID-19 SIRS Reporting Guidance: Day Calendar, Student Daily Attendance and Teacher Attendance FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

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Attendance in SIRS when students are not physically present in school during an instructional day when the "Pub health/inst" SIRS Day Calendar Type Code is used in the SIRS Day Calendar?

SIRS

Aid or the 180-Day Session/Hour requirement?

The SIRS Day Calendar Type Code is not used in the computation or allocation of State Aid. The data used for the computation of State Aid is reported in the State Aid Management System (SAMS).

13. How does the use of the "Pub health/inst" SIRS Day Calendar Type Code factor into the computation of chronic absenteeism rates and average daily attendance rates?

Days on which the "Pub health/inst" SIRS Day Calendar Type Code is reported are excluded from the calculation of chronic absenteeism rates and average daily attendance.

14. How does the use of the "Pub health/no inst" SIRS Day Calendar Type Code factor into the computation of chronic absenteeism rates and average daily attendance rates?

Days on which the "Pub health/no inst" SIRS Day Calendar Type Code is reported are excluded from the calculation of chronic absenteeism rates and average daily attendance.

15. Should the "Pub health/inst" or "Pub health/no inst" SIRS Day Calendar Type Code be used on a day when a school was previously scheduled to be closed for instruction, such as vacation, if that day occurs during the period of a public health closure?

Calendar.

18. To abide by the Governor's Executive Order to provide continuity of learning for students, how do we change spring break to reflect an instructional day in the SIRS Day Calendar?

Each required reporting entity can use any appropriate Instructional Day Calendar-Type Code to change their spring break to an Instructional Day Calendar-Type Code.

SIRS Student Daily Attendance Codes

1. Should a SIRS Student Daily Attendance Code be reported when the student's entire class, grade, or school is closed because of a public health event?

No. An LEA, BOCES, or school should not report a SIRS Student Daily Attendance Code when the student's entire class, grade, or school is closed because of a public health event.

2. Should a SIRS Student Daily Attendance Code be reported when a student is absent from instruction on a day that the LEA, BOCES or school is closed but is providing alternative instruction options (i.e., SIRS Day Calendar Code = Pub Health/inst)?

No. A SIRS Student Daily Attendance Code should not be reported when the grade, school, BOCES or LEA is closed. The LEA1()4(n)4(ot be)4(rep)4(or)-3(1 0 0 1 3

4. Prior to and after the Governor's executive order, what SIRS Student Daily Attendance Code should be used when a parent chooses not to send a child to school when the school was open, even though there is no officially recognized public health event?

The school would utilize the best applicable SIRS Student Daily Attendance Code relating to why the student was absent.

SIRS Student Daily Attendance Codes and Descriptions	
Code	Description
E	Excused
ISS	In-School Suspension
OSS	Out-of-School Suspension
T	Tardy
U	Unexcused

SIRS Teacher Attendance Codes

1. Should a SIRS Teacher Attendance Code be reported when the student's entire class, grade, or school is closed because of a public health event?