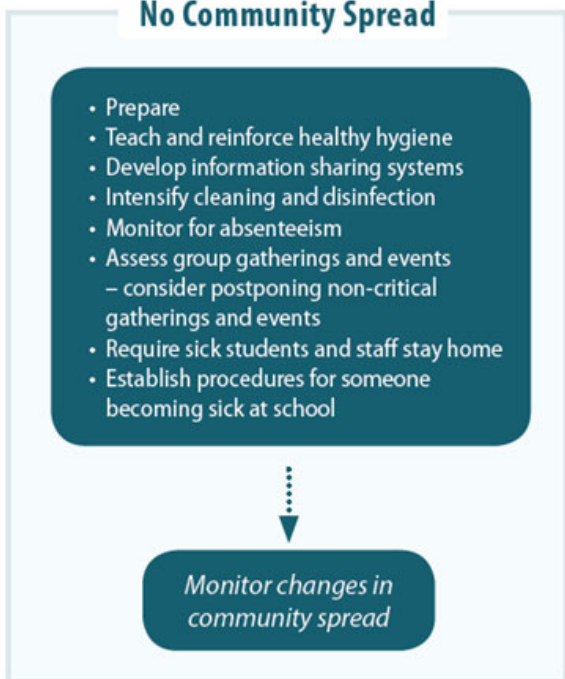


# School Decision Tree

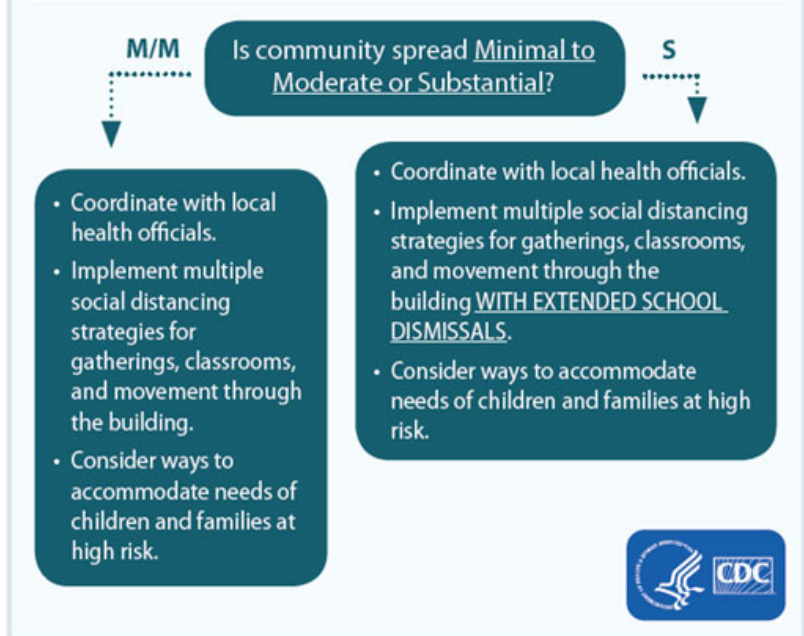
## All Schools Regardless of Community Spread



## No Community Spread



## Minimal to Moderate OR Substantial Community Spread



## Positive COVID-19 Case in School PROTOCOL

If a student, staff member or outside visitor has been present in school and has a **confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19**, the School Nurse and the Principal will contact the Superintendent of Schools. Confidentiality in accordance with HIPPA, FERPA and other privacy laws and regulations will be maintained.

The Superintendent of Schools will notify the Torrington Area Health District immediately.

The Torrington Area Health District will assess the risk of further transmission in the school. Decisions will be made concerning: contact tracing, closure, cleaning and continuity of education in partnership with THD.

The decision to suspend or close a cohort or school will be made by the Superintendent based on information and recommendations from the Torrington Area Health District. Board of Education members will be notified of closure as well as the State Department of Education.

The school may implement a short-term dismissal (2-5 days or longer) as recommended by the CDC. During the short-term building dismissal, remote learning would occur for those students impacted. This initial short-term dismissal allows time for local health officials to gain a better understanding of the COVID situation impacting the school. This allows the Superintendent, in close consultation with the Torrington Area Health District, to determine appropriate steps, including whether an extended closure is needed to stop or slow further spread of COVID-19. The school building will undergo a deep cleaning protocol.

All communications to the school community including staff and families will be made through the Superintendent or designee.