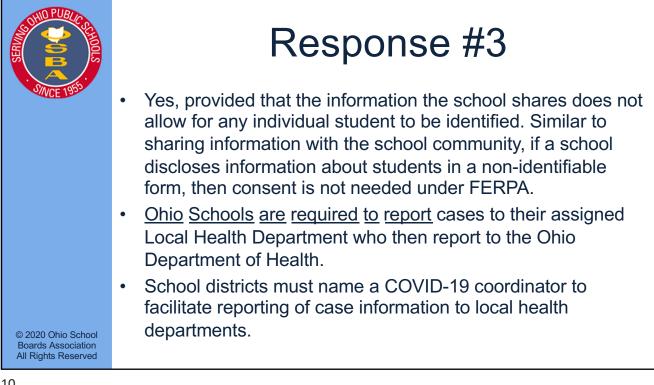
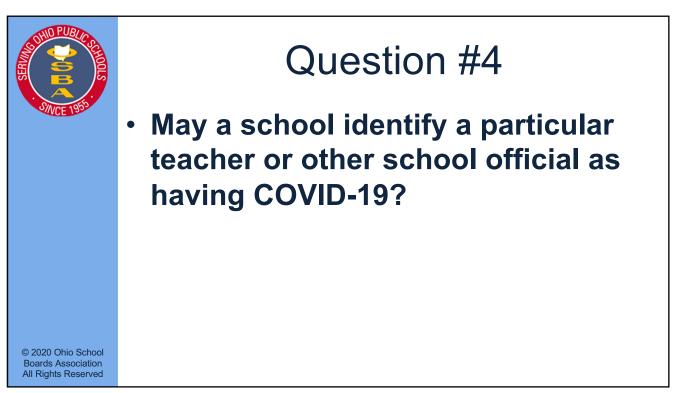


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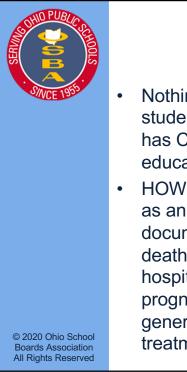
 May a school disclose the number of students who have COVID-19 in order to provide general health data to the public (including the media) without prior written consent?

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Response #4

- Nothing in FERPA prevents a school from telling parents, students, or the public that a specific teacher or school official has COVID-19. This is because FERPA applies to students' education records, not records on school employees/officials.
- HOWEVER, Ohio Public Records Act, RC 149.43(A)(1) lists, as an exception the following: "a. Medical records - any document or combination of documents, except births, deaths, and the fact of admission to or discharge from a hospital, that pertains to the medical history, diagnosis, prognosis, or medical condition of a patient and that is generated and maintained in the process of medical treatment. "

