In-School Transmission vs Community Transmission

When an infected person is known to have gotten COVID-19 while at school
Scientific evidence suggests that most COVID-19 cases at school are from the community and do not spread within schools when schools:

- Everyone wear masks
- Students keep physical distance
  - 3 - 6 feet
- Follow other CDC guidance

When an infected person is known to have gotten COVID-19 outside of school
Someone can get infected in the community and go to school

- This is NOT in-school transmission
- Schools try and prevent this from happening through health screenings and testing
- If it does happen, safety protocols are in place to reduce the risk of others getting infected while at school

Source: CDC