

Updates to COVID-19 School Operations Plan

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This Operations Plan has been updated to reflect the State of California's *COVID-19 Reopening In-Person Instruction Framework and Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2020-2021 School Year* issues on January 14, 2021.

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Consolidated_Schools_Guidance.pdf

As required, the school has posted a COVID-19 Safety Plan (CSP) on the homepage of the school's website. The CSP includes the school's Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP) and the COVID-19 School Guidance Checklist. The detailed plans describing how our school meets the requirements outlined in the CSP elements are found in this Operations Plan.

Face Coverings:

Students in all grade levels K-12 are required to wear face coverings at all times, while at school, unless exempted.

All staff must use face coverings in accordance with CDPH guidelines

- CDPH recommends disposable 3-ply surgical masks, which are more effective than cloth face coverings
- For staff, bandanas, gaiters and similar face coverings are no longer acceptable.
- In limited situations where a face covering cannot be used for pedagogical or developmental reasons, a face shield with a drape can be used as long as the wearer maintains physical distance from others

Classroom Spaces

- Distance teacher and other staff desks 6 feet away from student and other staff desks
- Distance student chairs at least 6 feet away from one another, except where 6 feet of distance is not possible after a good-faith effort has been made
- Under no circumstances should distance between student chairs be less than 4 feet
- If 6 feet of distance is not possible, optimize ventilation, use desk partitions, or arrange desks to minimize face-to-face contact

Positive COVID-19 Case

In the event of a positive case, the school will:

1. Schools must adhere to required reporting requirements and notify, as described below, the LHD of any newly reported case of COVID-19 in a student or staff member if the LHD has not yet contacted them about the case,
2. If the case is present at school at the time the school is notified, the case must go home and be excluded from school for at least 10 days from symptom onset date or, if asymptomatic, 10 days from the date the specimen was collected for the positive test.

3. Assist LHD in identifying close contacts of the case. Send a notice, developed in collaboration with the LHD, to parents and staff to inform them that a case of COVID-19 in a student or staff member has been reported and that the school will work with the LHD to notify exposed people.
4. Arrange for cleaning and disinfection of the classroom and primary spaces where case spent significant time. This does not need to be done until students and staff in the area have left for the day.
5. Implement online/distance learning for student cases if they are well enough to participate.

Required COVID-19 Reporting

- The school will notify the local health officer of any known case of COVID-19 among any student or employee who was present on a campus within the 10 days preceding a positive test for COVID-19. Specifically, the school shall report the following information:
 - The full name, address, telephone number, and date of birth of the individual who tested positive;
 - The date the individual tested positive, the school(s) at which the individual was present on-site within the 10 days preceding the positive test, and the date the individual was last on-site at any relevant school(s); and
 - The full name, address, and telephone number of the person making the report.
- This information shall be reported to the local health officer by telephone within **twenty-four hours** from the time an individual within the local educational agency or private school is first made aware of a new case.
- The school liaison to the LHD is: Barbara E. Moodie

Cluster or Outbreak at School

When either a school or LHD is aware that an outbreak may be underway, the LHD should investigate, in collaboration with the school, to determine whether these cases had a common exposure at school (e.g., a common class or staff member, bus ride, or other common exposures outside of school). CDPH defines a school outbreak as 3 or more confirmed or probable cases of staff or students occurring within a 14-day period who are epidemiologically linked in the school, are from different households and are not contacts of each other in any other investigation cases (e.g., transmission likely occurred in the school setting).

During the investigation, the school will:

1. Notify parents/guardians and school staff of a cluster/outbreak investigation related to the school and encourage them to follow public health recommendations.
2. Identify, as part of the CSP, one or more school staff member who can liaise with the LHD regarding the cluster/outbreak investigation by confirming which classes and stable groups included confirmed cases or symptomatic students and staff members, and if recent events or gatherings involved any cases or symptomatic persons.
3. Identify absenteeism among those in affected classes or stable groups, and coordinate with the LHD to contact these absentees to screen for symptoms of COVID-19 if they were exposed to a case during the case's infectious period.

4. Coordinate with the LHD to share a line list of cases and contacts with dates present at or absent from school.
5. Arrange for cleaning and disinfection of classrooms or other areas where cases or symptomatic students or staff members spend significant time.
6. Coordinate with the LHD on notifications to the school community, including specific notifications of stable groups or classrooms regarding their exclusion status and instructions.
7. Coordinate with the LHD on whether and when the school should be closed and reopened.
8. Notify the school community if the school is to be closed for 14 days due to widespread and/or ongoing transmission of SARS-CoV2 at the school or in the general community, and repeat recommendations for prevention and control measures (see sample notification #3 in Appendix 2).
9. Implement online/distance teaching and learning during school closure.
10. Arrange for cleaning and disinfection of entire school before reopening in the case of closure.

School Closure Determinations

Individual school closure, in which all students and staff are not on campus, is recommended based on the number of cases and stable groups impacted, which suggest that active in-school transmission is occurring. Closure should be done in consultation with the LHO. Situations that may indicate the need for school closure:

- Within a 14-day period, an outbreak has occurred in 25% or more stable groups in the school.
- Within a 14-day period, at least three outbreaks have occurred in the school AND more than 5% of the school population is infected.
- The LHO may also determine school closure is warranted for other reasons, including results from public health investigation or other local epidemiological data.

Length of closure: 14 days, or according to a decision made in consultation with the LHO.

Testing

Symptomatic testing: If a student or employee exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, the individual is sent home (or stays home). Testing for COVID-19 is encouraged. The student or employee can use the testing sites available on the County's website or make an appointment to see their medical provider. While waiting for results, the student or employee will not be able to return to school.

Response testing: If a student or employee is exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19, the student or staff member is required to quarantine for 10 days. Testing for COVID-19 is encouraged. The student or employee can use the testing sites available on the County's website or make an appointment to see their medical provider.

Asymptomatic testing: Employees participate in asymptomatic testing. The school has established a schedule for testing so that employees are tested once every two months. The employees use the testing sites available on the County's website.

Travel Requirements

The State of California has updated its travel policy with the following provisions:

- Non-essential travel (for recreational purposes) should be limited to 120 miles from the person's home.
- Californians who travel outside the state or the country must quarantine for 10 days upon their return to California.
- Visitors to California from other states and countries must also quarantine for 10 days upon their entry into California.

With this in mind, please limit recreational travel to no more than 120 miles from your home. If you must travel outside of California or outside of the United States, you will need to quarantine for 10 days upon your return to California.

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