INTERIM COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR K-12 SCHOOLS

STUDENT WITH NEW SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS

Students with symptoms of illness should stay home and test for COVID-19.

- If test is negative, may return if at least 24 hours have passed since fever and symptoms have improved significantly.
- If test is positive, stay at home for 5 days. Isolation can end after Day 5 if symptoms are not present or are resolving and a diagnostic specimen collected on Day 5 or later tests negative. Consistent use of a well-fitted face mask while indoors at school is strongly recommended through Day 10. If unable to test or choosing not to test, and symptoms are not present or are resolving, isolation can end after Day 10.

STUDENT EXPOSED TO PERSON WITH COVID-19 IN ANY SETTING

If potential exposure occurs at a school setting, parents/caregivers should be notified of the potential exposure.

Students with exposure to someone with COVID-19 may continue to take part in all aspects of K-12 schooling, including sports and extracurricular activities, unless they develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19. This includes students who have continuous household exposure (live with someone who has COVID-19). It is strongly recommended that exposed students wear a well-fitting mask indoors around others for at least 10 days following the date of last exposure, if not already doing so. It is recommended that the individual test for COVID-19 5 days after the exposure.

STUDENTS WHO HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 IN THE PAST 90 DAYS

Asymptomatic students that have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days are not required to quarantine or test for COVID-19 in response to a new COVID-19 exposure. However, if a child develops new symptoms after being exposed to COVID-19, they should quarantine and test.

CLASSROOM EXPERIENCES 3 OR MORE CASES OF COVID-19 WITHIN A TWO WEEK PERIOD

If a classroom/team/group has three or more cases of COVID-19 within a two week period, please contact SCPH at SCPHschools@saccounty.net for further recommendations.
COVID-19 Decision Tree for **K-12 Schools**

Student or staff has **NEW** symptoms of illness.

- **Exlude from school.**
  - **Test** for COVID-19.
    - **POSITIVE**
      - **ISOLATION:** Individual must **isolate** at home. Isolation can end **5 days** after symptom onset if:
        - at least 24 hours have passed since fever and symptoms have improved significantly
        - individual tests negative (preferably antigen) with specimen collected on or after **Day 5**
        - individual consistently wears a well fitted face mask while indoors at school through **Day 10** (strongly recommended for students; required for staff, per Cal/OSHA).
        - If unable to test, choose not to test, or positive test on or after Day 5, individual may return 10 days after symptom onset (Day 11).
        - **CONTACT NOTIFICATION:** Notify likely contacts (students/teachers in shared classes/spaces, athletic/club teammates, etc.) of possible exposure to someone with COVID-19.
    - **NEGATIVE**
      - **Receive an alternative named diagnosis** from a health care provider.
      - **May return to school if at least 24 hours have passed since fever and symptoms have improved significantly.**

- **EITHER**
  - If no test or alternative diagnosis, **exclude** for 10 days from symptom onset. May return on Day 11 if at least 24 hours have passed since fever and symptoms have improved significantly.

**STUDENTS:** Recommend likely contacts monitor for symptoms of illness and test for COVID-19.

**STAFF:** Contacts must follow CDPH Quarantine Guidance as required by Cal/OSHA.

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* PCR or rapid antigen test are acceptable. Asymptomatic individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 are not required to re-test for 90 days following their initial infection. However, if individuals develop new symptoms following a COVID-19 exposure, they should isolate and test.

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