

COVID-19 Protocols for TK-12 School Settings in Santa Barbara County:

2022-2023 Revision History:

- *Revision on July 20, 2023, re. CDPH reference updates and definition of outbreak.*
- *Revision on March 21, 2023, re. [Cal/OSHA FAQs](#) and updated [CDPH K-12 Guidance](#)*
- *Revision on March 10, 2023, re. [CDPH Isolation Guidance](#) update (effective March 13, 2023)*
- *Revision on February 7, 2023, re. [Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Non-Emergency Regulations](#) (effective through February 3, 2025).*
- *Revision on September 22, 2022, re. CDPH updated [Guidance for the Use of Face Masks](#).*
- *Revision September 18, 2022, re. rescinded [CDPH Health Officer Order](#) which eliminates the previous requirement of vaccination verification and weekly testing of unvaccinated adult workers (both paid and unpaid) in schools.*
- *Revisions on August 18, 2022, in coordination with Santa Barbara County Public Health School Team in alignment with Cal/OSHA ETS on May 6, 2022, and CDPH Guidance effective June 30, 2022.*

Schools/LEAs can be more restrictive in their adopted protocols and procedures, but not less than requirements. Schools/LEAs should review Public Health guidance and CCR Title 17 obligations when establishing mitigation protocols and response to positive cases. Cal/OSHA requires that employers have a written prevention program for COVID-19 ([Cal/OSHA Model COVID-19 Prevention Program](#)) that applies to staff. The [CDPH K-12 Guidance](#) provides recommendations and requirements for students related to COVID-19.

<p><u>MASKING GUIDANCE</u></p>	<p>CDPH Get the Most Out of Masking encourages individual determination of risk for mask use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone can choose to use a mask safely at school per CDPH. • Schools are REQUIRED to make masks available to staff at no cost and ensure they are used correctly when required by Cal/OSHA or a Public Health order. <p>STUDENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks are recommended for STUDENTS when returning from isolation in less than 10 days per CDPH. • Masks are recommended for STUDENTS following exposure in shared airspace of 15 minutes or more per CDPH.
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	<p>STAFF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks are recommended for STAFF following exposure in shared airspace of 15 minutes or more per CDPH. • Masks are REQUIRED for STAFF per Cal/OSHA when returning from isolation in less than 10 days. • Masks are REQUIRED during an established staff outbreak* per Cal/OSHA for the exposed worksite staff group.
<p><u>TESTING</u> Note: Screening testing of asymptomatic individuals is NO longer a CDPH recommendation.</p>	<p>STUDENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing is recommended for those with COVID-19 symptoms and/or shared airspace exposure per CDPH. <p>STAFF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing is recommended for those with COVID-19 symptoms and/or shared airspace exposure per CDPH. • REQUIRED-Testing per Cal/OSHA during an established staff outbreak* for staff close contacts** 3-5 days following last close contact exposure** and during a major outbreak for the exposed staff group twice weekly. • REQUIRED-Staff access to tests at no cost during paid time to staff close contacts** and when required due to an established staff outbreak or Public Health order.

<p><u>RETURNING TO SCHOOL AND WORK IF SYMPTOMATIC:</u></p>	<p>STUDENTS and STAFF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation of testing for COVID-19 with an initial antigen test and follow up testing 24-48 hours later if negative. Students and staff are encouraged to report positivity to the school. <p><i>Public Health recommends that a well-fitting mask be worn when around others for a total of 10 days after symptom onset, especially indoors.</i></p>
<p><u>POSITIVE TEST</u> See Title 17, Section 2526 regarding school exclusion for communicable</p>	<p>STUDENTS (RECOMMENDATION-CDPH) and STAFF (REQUIREMENT-Cal/OSHA)</p> <p>A confirmed positive case of COVID-19 may return to school when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 days have past from symptom onset or if no symptoms, positive test date, • Fever-free for 24 hours with no fever-reducing medication,

<p>disease requirements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptoms are no longer present or are mild and improving, and • Use a mask around others through Day 10 is recommended for students by CDPH and required for staff per Cal/OSHA • REQUIRED reporting of an identified “outbreak” of 3 or more linked COVID-19 positive cases in 7 days to an identified school cohort/group/team/activity per CCR Title 17, Sections 2500 and 2508, to SBCPHD at https://publichealthsb.org/school-health/ • REQUIRED reporting of a major staff outbreak of 20 more staff from an exposed group over 30 days, staff hospitalization or staff death to HYPERLINK "https://www.dir.ca.gov/title8/342.html"Cal/OSHA.
<p><u>SCHOOL/WORKSITE EXPOSURE:</u></p>	<p>STUDENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation for schools to provide a “Surge Letter” in times of observed high transmission to the school community. HYPERLINK "https://schools.covid19.ca.gov/"CDPH Surge Letter Template at Safe Schools Hub <p>STAFF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REQUIRED STAFF close contact** notification and worksite exposure notification per Labor Code 6404 (includes “authorized representatives” of the exposed group and the positive case if a staff member) per Cal/OSHA. Close contact staff and the exposed group must be additionally notified during an established staff outbreak due to additional testing and masking requirements outlined by Cal/OSHA.
<p><u>WRITTEN PLANS</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REQUIRED CAL/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Non-Emergency Regulations-compliant written IIPP or separate COVID-19 Prevention Plan for worker safety protocols. • REQUIRED COVID-19 Testing Plan per SB 1479

**CDPH Outbreak Definition: three or more COVID-19 positive cases linked to a school/worksite specific group/classroom/activity/team/office within 7 days.*

****STAFF** Close Contact per [Cal/OSHA COVID-19 FAQ](#):

- *“In indoor spaces of 400,000 or fewer cubic feet per floor, a close contact is defined as sharing the same indoor airspace as a COVID-19 case for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period during a COVID-19 case's infectious period.*
- *In large indoor spaces greater than 400,000 cubic feet per floor, a close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of the COVID-19 case for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period during the COVID-19 case's infectious period.*
- *Offices, suites, rooms, waiting areas, break or eating areas, bathrooms or other spaces that are separated by floor-to-ceiling walls are considered distinct indoor airspaces.”*

REFERENCE LINKS:

- CDPH K-12 GUIDANCE:
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2022-23-School-Year.aspx>
- CDPH Safe Schools Hub Resources: [HYPERLINK "https://schools.covid19.ca.gov/"https://schools.covid19.ca.gov](https://schools.covid19.ca.gov/)
- Cal/OSHA Title 8, Division 1, Chapter 4, Section 3205 re. COVID-19 Prevention:
<https://www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb/documents/COVID-19-Prevention-Non-Emergency-txtbrdconsider.pdf>
- Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Non-Emergency Regulations Resources (Summary, FAQ, Model Prevention Program):
<https://www.dir.ca.gov/DOSH/Coronavirus/Covid-19-NE-Reg-FAQs.html>

TESTING RESOURCES

- Aptitude Clinical Diagnostics, Inc. continues to remain available as a local off-campus testing option for those schools who have opted into the program through SBCEO. For on-campus testing support, please contact Aptitude staff directly at enterprisesupport@aptitudemedical.com or 805-259-1499. At this time, Aptitude is committed to continuing to provide free testing for students and staff who do not have insurance. Please email Jill Stevens at gstevens@sbceo.org with any questions or inquiries about this testing program.

Aptitude Clinical Diagnostic Testing Location:

[Earl Warren Showgrounds](#), Gate B in Santa Barbara: Mon-Friday, 8:00am-3:00pm

- **OVER THE COUNTER (OTC)/AT-HOME TESTS ARE FREE FOR SCHOOLS THROUGH CDPH:**
To order: <https://labsupport.powerappsportals.us/orderotc/>
- Santa Barbara Public Health Testing Center locations and appointment information are available at the Santa Barbara Public Health website at <https://publichealthsb.org/testing/> or by visiting <https://myturn.ca.gov/testing.html> for state-wide testing locations.
- Santa Barbara County Test to Treat locations and information are available at the Santa Barbara Public Health website at <https://publichealthsb.org/test-to-treat/>. Test to treat

locations are where people are able to get tested, and—if they are positive and eligible for treatment—receive a prescription from a health care provider, and have their prescription filled all at one location.

- You can use the web-based [Test to Treat locator](#) to find a participating site near you. You can also call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489) to get help in English, Spanish, and more than 150 other languages. The call center is open from 8am to midnight ET, 7 days a week. In addition, the [Disability Information and Access Line](#) (DIAL) is available to help people with disabilities access services.
- FREE Virtual COVID-19 Visit for Californians Ages 12 and Up: [CLICK HERE](#)