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Santa Barbara Protocols for Symptoms, Potential Exposure and/or Close Contact with an Individual Testing Positive for COVID-19 in a School or Classroom Setting

Student or Staff with:	ACTION	DISTRICT COMMUNICATION
1. Any of the COVID-19 symptoms , ***answers yes to a health screening question, or has a temp of 100.4 or above.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual sent home, isolate at home. If the individual is symptomatic (and does not get evaluated by a healthcare provider) then they are to isolate at home for at least 10 days from symptom onset, AND until symptoms improve, AND there is no fever without fever-reducing medication for at least 24 hours. When all these criteria are met a note from a healthcare provider is not needed. Family contacts their healthcare provider immediately for medical evaluation which may include testing. Individual isolates until evaluated by health care provider. If tests positive for COVID-19, see #3; if tests negative for COVID-19, see #4; if healthcare provider diagnoses another cause of symptoms and provides, see #5. Cohort OPEN. 	No communication to class.
2. Close Contact (see definition below) with a confirmed COVID-19 case.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send home and quarantine for 14 days from last exposure. Recommend testing (but will not shorten 14 day quarantine). If any symptoms develop contact medical provider for evaluation. Cohort OPEN. 	Consider school community notification of a known contact

3. Confirmed COVID-19 case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If 3 or more cases within 2 weeks contact SBPHD Community Health Nurse/Disease Control (805-681-5280) • Isolate case and exclude from school until criteria for return have been met. • Individual isolates for at least ten days from symptom onset, AND improving symptoms, AND no fever without fever-reducing medication for at least 24 hours. • Identify contacts, quarantine & exclude exposed contacts (likely entire cohort) for 14 days after the last date the case was present in school while infectious. • Recommend testing of contacts, prioritize symptomatic contacts (but will not shorten 14-day quarantine). • Disinfection and cleaning of classroom and primary spaces where case spent significant time. • School remains open. 	School community notification of a known case
4. Tests negative after symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May return to school after 3 days of symptoms improvement and no fever for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. • Cohort OPEN. 	Consider school community notification if prior awareness of testing.
5. A medical provider diagnoses another cause of symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical provider provides note with return to school instructions following guidelines for the specific illness. 	

(*) A contact is defined as a person who is <6 feet from a case for >15 minutes. In some school situations, it may be difficult to determine whether individuals have met this criterion and an entire cohort, classroom, or other group may need to be considered exposed, particularly if people have spent time together indoors.

(**) A cohort is a stable group with fixed membership that stays together for all courses and activities (e.g., lunch, recess, etc.) and avoids contact with other persons or cohorts.

(***) Symptoms of Coronavirus

This list does not include all possible COVID-19 symptoms. CDC and CDPH will continue to update this list.

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue

- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting or diarrhea