

Coachella Valley Unified School District 2022-2023 COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN



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This is a fluid working document that may be adjusted as conditions and/or guidance changes.



A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Dear CVUSD Family,

I want to welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year on behalf of our faculty and staff. As we return to school, a key priority is creating the safest possible school and classroom environment for our students and employees. The multi-tiered protocols we have implemented, informed by county and state guidelines, will help ensure that each of our families feels safe bringing their child to school.

Through our concerted efforts, we have set some of the highest COVID safety standards in the region. These standards recommend masking for everyone while indoors; student plexiglass carrels available by family, student, or teacher request; maximizing physical distancing as much as possible; continuing comprehensive sanitizing of classrooms and common indoor areas; providing for frequent hand washing; upgraded air filtration systems; and, making COVID testing available to staff, students and community.

We continue working closely with our county and state agencies, monitoring guidelines for changes and adjusting as needed.

We believe the most significant protection we can pursue against the COVID-19 virus and its variants is encouraging vaccinations for students 12 and older, their families, and the CVUSD community. By vaccinating everyone eligible to be vaccinated, we send a strong message that keeping our schools safe is our highest priority.

We are looking forward to a great year ahead.

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Public Health Recommendations

This plan was developed using recommendations from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Riverside University Health System-Public Health (RUHS-PH), Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE), California Department of Education (CDE), and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). California Department of Public Health (CDPH) updated the Guidance for K-12 Schools in California on June 30th, 2022.

Introduction

Coachella Valley Unified School District recognizes the importance of in-person instruction and continuity of services to students and families. The district has formulated plans for the 2022-2023 school year for a safe, successful, and full in-person instruction for students at all school sites along with a K-12 Independent Studies program.

To expedite a healthy school and community environment, we encourage vaccinations & vaccine boosters for all eligible individuals to lower down the COVID-19 rate throughout the community; we highly recommend masking while indoors at schools, and a targeted quarantine practices, keeping students in school; and access to a robust COVID-19 testing program as an available additional safety layer. Recent evidence indicates that in-person instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distancing requirements.

Personal Prevention Measure to Stop the Spread

In order to prevent additional spread of COVID-19, it will be highly recommended that students and staff follow the preventative measures below:

- Wear a face covering while indoors
- Wash hands/use hand sanitizer often
- Observe cough/sneeze etiquette
- Social distance between students and teachers/staff when possible
- Perform daily personal symptom health check screening

COVID-19 Vaccination

CDC and CDPH strongly recommend the COVID-19 vaccination for all eligible individuals and recommends staying up to date to protect oneself and reduce transmission of the virus. Currently COVID-19 Vaccination is not required for students to attend school. The district has and will continue to provide vaccination clinics to our students, families, and community members at locations throughout the district, including school sites and the district office (dates TBD & will be posted).

State Public Health Officer Order for Vaccine Verification for Workers in Schools will remain in effect for 2022-2023 school year.

SAFETY MEASURES FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

Health Screening Measures

- Before arriving to any district campus or facility, staff and students will be asked to self-screen for symptoms of COVID-19 from home.
- Parents, students, and staff will agree to monitor for symptoms daily prior to arriving at school.
- If any symptoms of COVID-19 are exhibited, student/staff must remain at home.
- COVID-19 affects people in different ways. Infected people have reported a wide range of symptoms, from mild symptoms to severe illness. Signs of COVID-19 can include any one of the following:
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
 - Nasal congestion or runny nose
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
- Any staff or student who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 while at school will be cared for in our designated care room. If deemed necessary, the parent/guardian will be notified and the student will be sent home with a recommendation from our care room staff.

Identification of Possible COVID-19 Cases on Campus

- CVUSD will consult with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Riverside University Health Systems Public Health (RUHS-PH) to ensure mitigation practices and response protocols are aligned with current guidance.
- If the District becomes aware of a student or staff member testing positive for COVID-19 or having direct exposure to COVID-19, the District will report to RUHS-PH and inform any persons who were possibly exposed, as appropriate.
- When a student is identified as showing symptoms of COVID-19 he/she will be cared for and assessed by a trained staff member. The student will be instructed to continue to wear a mask while indoors, if not exempt. If deemed necessary, the parent/guardian/emergency contact will be contacted to pick up their child.
- Students or staff may be required to remain off campus for up to 10 days after symptom(s) develop (return to work/school will be no less than 5 days and all requirements will need to be met by CDPH to return).
- If a student is on isolation, staff will ensure the student has access to assignments and curriculum via their iPad and textbooks. In some cases, short term independent study can be utilized. For anyone who needs long term independent study that program is available through the district's Independent Study Program.

Recommendations for staying home when getting sick and getting tested:

- Follow the strategy for Staying Home when Sick and Getting Tested from the [CDC](#).
- Get tested for COVID-19 when symptoms are [consistent with COVID-19](#).
- Advise staff members and students with symptoms of COVID-19 infection not to return for in-person instruction until they have met CDPH criteria to return to school for those with symptoms:
 - At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; AND
 - Symptoms are improving; AND
 - They have a negative test for SARS-CoV-2 on Day 5 or later from symptom(s) onset, OR a healthcare provider has provided documentation that the symptoms are typical of their underlying chronic condition (e.g., allergies or asthma) OR a healthcare provider has confirmed an alternative named diagnosis (e.g., Streptococcal pharyngitis, Coxsackie virus), OR at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset.
- If the student or staff member tests positive for SARS-CoV-2, follow the guidance for isolation

Care Room Center

- The care room center is in a separate location to ensure that healthy children are not interacting with potential COVID-positive students.
- A trained staff member will always supervise the students to ensure safety.
- Students are required to wear a face covering while in the care room; if they are able. A mask will be provided to the student if necessary.
- Staff members in the care room center will be required to wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as required by California Division of Occupational Health and Safety (Cal/OSHA).
- No parents or other unauthorized persons are permitted to enter the care room center.

Contact Tracing

- The purpose of contact tracing is to track illness and potential direct exposures to illness.
- Once notified of a positive case of COVID-19, the District designee will begin contact tracing. Notification will be sent to those individuals with potential exposure; anyone who spent more than a cumulative total of 15 minutes (within a 24-hour time period) in a shared indoor airspace (e.g., classroom) with someone with COVID-19 during their infectious period.
- Contacts are only informed that they may have been exposed to an individual with COVID-19 during their infectious period. The identity of the positive individual will remain confidential per HIPAA.
- Quarantine recommendations can be found at RUHS K-12 Guidance (**Appendix A: Protocols for School Staff & Students in K-12 school setting**).

Testing for COVID-19 for Staff and Students

- Students and staff may access testing as required by the California Department of Health at all CVUSD school sites and District Office.

Physical Distancing

- Recent evidence indicates that in-person instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distancing requirements when other mitigation strategies (e.g., indoor air quality and handwashing) are implemented. This is consistent with CDC K-12 School Guidance.
- Parents should remain in their vehicle or maintain physical distance (when possible) while picking up or dropping off student.

Visitors and on Campus

- Visitors on campus during the school day must be vaccinated and scheduled ahead of time with the site administration.

Face Coverings

- No person can be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition of participation in an activity or entry into a school, unless wearing a mask would pose a safety hazard (e.g., watersports).
- CDPH strongly recommends that all persons (e.g., students and staff) wear masks in K-12 indoor settings.
- Face coverings will continue to be made available to staff & students who choose to use one.
- We will continue to review the guidance by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Riverside University Health System-Public Health (RUHS-PH) and update face covering guidance based on the ongoing protocol for COVID-19 as conditions can shift rapidly.

Hand Hygiene

Schools should teach and reinforce proper handwashing to lower the risk of spreading viruses, including the virus that causes COVID-19. All students should wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap and water, rubbing thoroughly after application at various times throughout the day including but not limited to:

- Upon arrival to the school site
- Before leaving the site
- Upon entry to any new classroom
- When using the restroom
- When visibly dirty
- After using a tissue or coughing into hands
- If soap and water are not available, use district-provided hand sanitizer. There are written instructions and signage on proper hand washing techniques at all schools. Hand hygiene guidance also includes avoiding contact with eyes, nose and mouth, in addition to teaching children to sneeze into a tissue or elbow and to throw the tissue away into a waste container.

Classroom and Common Area Sanitation and Set Up

- Classrooms without sinks will have wall mounted sanitizer dispensers.
- Portable handwashing stations are available outdoors at school sites to supplement healthy hygiene practices.
- Teachers will review healthy hygiene practices daily with students
- In general, routine cleaning is enough to sufficiently remove the virus that causes COVID-19 from surfaces. If disinfectants are used, use asthma-safer products.
- If desired, staff can request additional cleaning supplies.
- All bathrooms are equipped with soap, paper towels or hand dryers, and trash cans.

Meal Service

- Meal service will return to original serving models at all schools.
- Students will be provided a free breakfast and lunch at all schools.
- Where possible students will eat outside. Students eating inside will be asked to maintain a safe distance where practical.
- Menus may change at a moment's notice as we continue to experience supply chain disruptions.

Recess/PE/Athletics

- Physical Education classes will be conducted in a safe manner in accordance with state and county health guidelines.
- Information regarding how recess will be conducted at elementary sites will be provided by individual site principals in accordance with state and county health guidelines.
- Athletic practices and competitions will be conducted in accordance with state, county and CIF guidelines.

Transportation/Buses

- Masks are strongly recommended for all students and staff except for those with an approved exemption.
- All buses will be cleaned and disinfected at the end of each route.
- Drivers will have masks available if students do not have one and desire to use one.
- Any students showing symptoms related to COVID-19 that are on the bus will be referred directly to the designate care room center at the school site.

SAFETY MEASURES AT SITES

Ventilation and Air Flow

- HVAC system air filters have been replaced with high-efficiency air filtration.
- Individual HEPA Filter air purification units placed in every classroom.
- UL 2998 standard certified air purifiers installed on HVAC systems district wide.
- During optimal weather, keep windows and doors open, if possible, to increase airflow.

Cleaning/Sanitizing/Cleaning Supplies

- Cleaning “high touch areas” daily and nightly.
- Touch-free disinfectant sprayers.
- Cleaning and sanitizing materials
- Disinfectant Cleaners (Keenan SafeSchools training required).
- Pressure washers (outdoor lunch areas/playground equipment).
- Disinfectant spraying equipment for large assembly areas.

Drinking Fountains

- All outdoor drinking water fountains are open and available for use, students are encouraged to bring personal refillable water bottles.
- All classroom sink faucets and water bottle stations are open and available for use.
- Routine cleaning is recommended

STUDENT SOCIAL EMOTIONAL WELLNESS TOP PRIORITY

- As students prepare to return to school, the district will continue to ensure a sense of safety and provide compassionate care to support the mental health wellness needs of all members of the school community through our Transformational Justice Model.
- In support of mental health and social-emotional wellness needs upon returning to school, CVUSD has the following supports, services and resources in place to promote the overall wellness of staff, students, and families:
 - Site-based case management teams to support, collaborate, and monitor services to students.
 - Additional school guidance counselors, mental health professionals, prevention and intervention school psychologists, and school nurses.
 - CVUSD Secondary Wellness Centers - including resources for teachers, students and families.
 - Trauma Informed support and School Wide Strategies - including the incorporation of the protective factors for trauma.
 - Proactive, Preventative and Restorative School Wide Practices


WHAT EMPLOYEES CAN EXPECT AS THEY RETURN TO WORK

The health and safety of our staff and families is of the utmost importance. As we continue to navigate the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic CVUSD intends to support safe, in-person learning in K-12 schools and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. We will continue to follow current guidance from public health officials and state agencies and will be updated as the situation evolves.

It is important to note District plans must focus sharply on academic instruction to enhance student performance and address learning loss.

As employees return, we recommend:

Screening at Home:

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- Employees are recommended to take temperatures daily before going to work. Anyone with a fever of 100° F or higher should not go to a work site. Personal illness, quarantine, and COVID-19 illness or symptom related absences will be afforded the sick leave options that they have available to them.
 - Employees are recommended to self screen for respiratory symptoms such as cough and shortness of breath prior to coming to school each day. Employees experiencing those symptoms should not attend work.
 - If staff members are experiencing symptoms, they should stay home and contact Human Resources.*

Arriving at Work Site:

- Employees are strongly recommended to wear face coverings while indoors except while eating or drinking.
- Work sites will have signage throughout campus to remind staff about hand and respiratory hygiene to decrease transmission of the virus.

ON CAMPUS AND IN THE CLASSROOM



Recent evidence indicates that in-person instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distancing requirements when other mitigation strategies are implemented. This is consistent with CDC K-12 School Guidance. Schools will adhere to the following:

- o During regular school hours, schools should limit nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations with people who are not fully vaccinated, particularly in areas where there is moderate-to-high COVID-19 community transmission.
- o In-person instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distancing requirements, it is highly recommended to wear a face covering while indoors.
- o Parents shall remain in their vehicles while dropping off and picking up students.



Students may have access to playground and equipment during recess. Continue to reinforce proper handwashing especially before and after recess/meal periods.



Child Nutrition Services will be providing fun, healthy, and nutritious meals to all enrolled students, free of charge, for school year 2022-23. Student meals will be offered daily at all school campuses, State Pre-School classrooms, and Child Care Centers. Meal Services offered include Breakfast, Lunch with Fresh Vegetable and Fruit Options, After School Supper Program, and After School Snacks.



FACE COVERINGS & OTHER PPE

- Face coverings & all other PPE will be made available to staff & students who desire to wear PPE
- Unless otherwise directed by local health departments or local educational agencies, students and staff should follow CDPH masking guidance for the general public, as well as masking guidance for specific situations (e.g., when having symptoms, being infected, or exposed).
- Staff will follow Cal/OSHA requirements when exposed (e.g., testing as required and masking for 10 days)
- Campuses will follow guidelines developed by the CVUSD for cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation of school campuses.
- Common touch surfaces will be cleaned regularly (e.g. countertops, door handles, restrooms, student desks, student chairs, etc.).
- Staff will be expected to wash/sanitize their hands regularly. Hand sanitizer will be provided at designated entry points and other strategic locations on work sites.
- Signage will promote healthy hand and respiratory hygiene to decrease transmission of the virus.
- Reinforce daily home self assessments and stay home when ill.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR **STAFF** WORKING WITH STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

- Face coverings will be made available for staff and will be given a choice as to the available types of face covering which is most conducive to addressing their specific student needs.
- IEP services will continue to be delivered with recommendation of wearing a facial covering, increased hand washing, and sanitizing.
- All staff who work with students who require more hands-on services such as diapering, catheterization, feeding, etc. will utilize standard universal precautions.

TRANSPORTATION

- Students will fill the vehicle from back to front.
- Vehicles will be cleaned and disinfected at the end of each route.
- Facial coverings will be highly recommended.

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Protocols for School Students in K-12 School Settings

Riverside University Health System – Public Health

This protocol aligns with CDPH School Guidance and CDPH Isolation and Quarantine Guidance. For more information on K-12 School Guidance, please refer to [K-12 Guidance 2021-22 School Year \(ca.gov\)](#) or the FAQ [K-12 Schools Guidance 2021-2022 Questions & Answers \(ca.gov\)](#).

MASKING:

CDPH strongly recommends that all persons (e.g., students and staff) wear masks in K-12 indoor settings, with consideration of exemptions per [CDPH face mask guidance](#).

- Schools/districts should consider policies that support students who choose to wear a mask after March 11, 2022, and also awareness and support campaigns to prevent any possible bullying from masking choice.
- Schools/districts should consider policies for medically fragile staff and students, and the health services offices where students are served day to day.

UPDATED masking guidance in California		REQUIRED	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	OPTIONAL
Vaccinated & Unvaccinated	Public Indoor (Effective end of day February 28)	→	✓		
	Schools & Childcare (Effective end of day March 11)	→	✓		
	Health Care	✓			
	Long-Term Care	✓			
	Jails & Prisons	✓			
NOTE: Locals may have additional requirements beyond the state requirements based on local conditions including community vaccine rates or vaccination rates in schools and childcare facilities.					

TESTING:

CDPH has a robust State- and Federally-funded school testing program and subject matter experts available to support school decision making, including free testing resources to support screening testing programs (software, test kits, shipping, testing, etc.).

- Resources for schools interested in testing include: California's Testing Task Force [K-12 Schools Testing Program](#), [K-12 school-based COVID-19 testing strategies](#) and [Updated Testing Guidance](#); The Safe Schools for [All state technical assistance \(TA\)](#) portal; and the [CDC K-12 School Guidance](#) screening testing considerations (in Section 1.4 and Appendix 2) that are specific to the school setting.

CASE REPORTING, CONTACT TRACING AND INVESTIGATION:

a. Per AB 86 (2021) and California Code Title 17, section 2500, schools are required to report COVID-19 cases to the local public health department. [Title 17, California Code of Regulations \(CCR\) 2500, 2593, 2641.5-2643.20, and 2800-2812 Reportable Diseases and Conditions](#)

b. Schools or LEAs should have a COVID-19 liaison to assist the local health department with activities related to COVID-19.

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POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST – REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS

Confirmed COVID-19 Test symptomatic:

- Positive individual to remain in home isolation for at least 5 days from symptom onset.
- Isolation can end after day 5 if symptom(s) are not present or are resolving AND a diagnostic specimen** is collected on day 5 or later and the test is negative.
- If fever is present, isolation should be continued until fever resolves.
- If isolation is discontinued after day 5, it is strongly recommended that students continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings.
- If symptom(s), other than fever, are not resolving continue to isolate until symptom(s) are resolving or until after day 10.

Confirmed COVID-19 Test asymptomatic or the onset of symptoms is unknown:

- Positive individual to remain in home isolation for at least 5 days from positive test date.
- Isolation can end after day 5 if symptom(s) are not present or are resolving AND a diagnostic specimen** is collected on day 5 or later and the test is negative.
- If isolation is discontinued after day 5, it is strongly recommended that students continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings.
- If student develops symptom(s) during isolation, student must remain in isolation until after day 10.

NOTE: If student is unable to test or choose not to test, and symptom(s) are not present or are resolving, student must remain in isolation until after day 10.

****Antigen Testing Preferred**

NO KNOWN EXPOSURE- SYMPTOMATIC- REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS

Testing can be completed at the onset of symptoms but please note that subsequent testing may be required on day 5 or later. While test is pending continue home isolation.

Send home, instruct to isolate, and recommend testing on day 5 from symptom onset.

If unable to test or choosing not to test, quarantine can end after Day 10 from symptom onset if student's symptom(s) improve AND is afebrile for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.

- While symptomatic student COVID-19 test is pending, they must continue to isolate.
- **If symptomatic student test is positive:** student must continue isolation and follow protocol for **POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST - REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS** section in this document.
- **If student test is negative but still continues to be symptomatic with symptom(s) not resolving:** Student should continue to be excluded from school and test on day 5 or later from symptom(s) onset. If test was completed before day 5 from symptom(s) onset, recommend retest on day 5 or later from symptom(s) onset. Student may be released from quarantine and return to school if: COVID-19 test result is negative, and student's symptom(s) are resolving AND is afebrile for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications; OR a healthcare provider has provided documentation that the symptom(s) are typical of their underlying chronic condition; OR a healthcare provider has confirmed an alternative diagnosis; OR at least 10 days have passed since symptom(s) onset.
- Students who test negative and symptom(s) are no longer present or are resolving can end quarantine after Day 5 if a test is collected on Day 5 or later from the date of last exposure and the test is negative AND student symptom(s) are no longer present or are resolving and is afebrile for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication

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GROUP-BASED TRACING GUIDANCE

EXPOSED TO COVID-19 – REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS

ASYMPTOMATIC – Regardless of Vaccination Status

Exposed to Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Case

- Students who are exposed to COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status or who were previously infected with COVID-19, should get tested for COVID-19 with at least one diagnostic test obtained 3-5 days after last exposure to positive COVID-19 case.
- Students may continue going to school and participate in all K-12 schooling, including sports and extra-curricular activities if they remain asymptomatic and test between days 3 and 5 after last exposure to positive COVID-19 case.
- It is strongly recommended that students continue to wear a well-fitted mask (surgical mask recommended) while on K-12 school settings while indoors.
- In the event of a wide-scale and/or repeated exposures, broader (e.g., grade-wide or campus-wide) once weekly testing for COVID-19 may be considered until such time that exposure events become less frequent.
- Any FDA-approved antigen diagnostic test, PCR diagnostic test, or pooled PCR test is acceptable for evaluation of an individual's COVID-19 status. For individuals who have been recently infected (within the past 90 days), antigen testing is strongly recommended as PCR results may remain persistently positive and not be indicative of a new active infection. Repeat antigen testing and/or confirmatory molecular testing should be considered in individuals who receive a negative result with an antigen test but have symptoms specific for COVID-19 (such as loss of taste and smell).
- If exposed students become symptomatic, please refer to **GROUP-BASED TRACING GUIDANCE - SYMPTOMATIC-REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS** section in this document.

SYMPTOMATIC – Regardless of Vaccination Status

Testing can be completed at the onset of symptoms but please note that subsequent testing may be required on day 5 or later. While test is pending continue home isolation.

Send home, instruct to isolate, and recommend testing on day 5 from symptom(s) onset.

If unable to test or choosing not to test, quarantine can end after Day 10 from last exposure to positive COVID-19 case if student symptom(s) improve AND is afebrile for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.

- While exposed student COVID-19 test is pending, they must continue to isolate.
- **If exposed student test is positive:** exposed student must continue isolation and follow protocol for **POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST - REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS** section in this document.
- **If student test is negative but still continues to be symptomatic with symptom(s) not resolving:** Student should continue to be excluded from school and test on day 5 or later from symptom(s) onset. If test was completed before day 5 from symptom(s) onset, recommend retest on day 5 or later from symptom(s) onset. Student may be released from quarantine and return to school if: COVID-19 test result is negative, and student's symptom(s) are resolving AND is afebrile for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications; OR a healthcare provider has provided documentation that the symptom(s) are typical of their underlying chronic condition; OR a healthcare provider has confirmed an alternative diagnosis; OR at least 10 days have passed since symptom(s) onset.
- Students who test negative and symptom(s) are no longer present or are resolving can end quarantine after Day 5 if a test is collected on Day 5 or later from the date of last exposure and the test is negative AND student symptom(s) are no longer present or are resolving and is afebrile for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.

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OVERVIEW OF GROUP-BASED TRACING FRAMEWORK

Category	Group-Based Tracing
Student with COVID-19	Isolate per general CDPH guidance – See Positive COVID-19 Test – Regardless of Vaccination Status section in this document.
Students exposed to someone with COVID-19	Identify group(s) who shared the same indoor airspace for at least 15 mins within 24 hours of someone with COVID-19.
Notifications	Notification should occur to entire "group" of exposed students (e.g., classmates, teammates, cohorts, etc.) rather than contact tracing to identify individual "close contacts" (e.g., those within 6 feet). Notifications should be provided to all individuals considered exposed, including those who are vaccinated and/or recently infected.
Actions (Quarantine)	<u>Group</u> Action: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remain in school while in a group quarantine• Get tested (all students in group test regardless of vaccination status or history of previous infection) See Group-Based Tracing Guidance section in this document for more information.
Testing	Entire exposed group(s) , who shared the same indoor airspace for at least 15 mins within 24 hours of someone with COVID-19 and regardless of vaccination status or prior infection, shall test 3-5 day from last exposure to positive COVID-19 case. See Group-Based Tracing Guidance section in this document below.
Reporting CDPH Mandatory Case Reporting by Schools Case Reporting by Schools Directive	Should a close contact convert to a case, case(s) shall be reported to the LHD within 24 hours after becoming notified of the positive case(s).

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DEFINITIONS

Positive Case: a person who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Close Contact: a person who is within 6 feet for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period of a person contagious with COVID-19.

Exposed: an individual that has had close contact with a Positive Case.

Asymptomatic: means there are no symptoms.

Symptomatic: means showing symptoms, or it may concern a specific symptom.

Isolation: If you have tested POSITIVE for COVID-19, you will need to self-isolate. This means that you will need to stay in a separate room, with no personal contact with others for 10 days.

Vaccinated: A student is considered fully vaccinated if at least 14 days have passed since the second dose in a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series is completed.

Unvaccinated: A student is considered unvaccinated if the student has not yet received the second dose in a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series.

Booster: For more information about booster eligibility please visit: [COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shots | CDC](#)

Acceptable Testing for Schools: includes Antigen diagnostic tests, PCR diagnostic tests, and pooled PCR tests.

* Antigen Test Preferred but not required

**If pooled PCR testing is being used, additional testing procedures must be in place to provide subsequent testing should a positive result be detected. Please reference CDPH's School Testing [Resources](#) and [Considerations](#) for more information on pooled testing.

MORE INFORMATION

State of California Safe Schools For All Hub: [CA Covid-19 School Readiness Hub](#)

Order of the State Public Health Officer Vaccine Verification for Workers in School – October 15th deadline: [Order of the State Public Health Officer Vaccine Verification for Workers in Schools](#)

CDPH school testing resources information: [School Testing | California Coronavirus Testing Task Force](#)

Isolation and Quarantine of the General Public [Guidance on Isolation and Quarantine for COVID-19 Contact Tracing \(ca.gov\)](#)

Protocols for School Staff in K-12 School Settings

K-12 Guidance 2021-2022 School Year (ca.gov)

This protocol aligns with CDPH School Guidance, CDPH Isolation and Quarantine Guidance and Cal/OSHA's COVID-19 Prevention ETS. [K-12 Guidance 2021-22 School Year \(ca.gov\)](#) and [K-12 Schools Guidance 2021-2022 Questions & Answers \(ca.gov\)](#). For more information on isolation and quarantine, please refer to the following CDPH guidance. [Guidance on Isolation and Quarantine for COVID-19 Contact Tracing \(ca.gov\)](#). For more information about Cal/OSHA's COVID-19 ETS, please refer to the following guidance. [COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards Frequently Asked Questions \(ca.gov\)](#)

If staff were previously infected with (laboratory confirmed) COVID-19 within the last 90 days: (1) Staff are not required to undergo routine diagnostic screening testing. It's important to note that if staff become symptomatic within the 90-day period, diagnostic testing should be completed. (2) Staff may not need to quarantine; an individualized assessment should be completed.

POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST – REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS

Confirmed COVID-19 Test symptomatic:

- Positive staff member to remain in home isolation for at least 5 days from symptom onset.
- Isolation can end after day 5 if symptoms are not present or are resolving AND a diagnostic specimen** is collected on day 5 or later and the test is negative, staff is required to wear a well-fitting mask when sharing indoor airspace for a total of 10 days.
- If fever is present, isolation should be continued until fever resolves.
- If symptoms, other than fever, are not resolving continue to isolate until symptoms are resolving or until after day 10.

Confirmed COVID-19 Test asymptomatic or the onset of symptoms is unknown:

- Positive staff member to remain in home isolation for at least 5 days from positive test date.
- Isolation can end after day 5 if symptoms are not present or are resolving AND a diagnostic specimen** is collected on day 5 or later and the test is negative.
- If isolation is discontinued after day 5, staff is required to wear a well-fitting mask when sharing indoor airspace for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings.
- If staff develop symptoms during isolation, refer to Confirmed COVID-19 Test Symptomatic section.

NOTE: If staff is unable to test or choose not to test, staff must remain in isolation until after Day 10 if fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and all other symptoms are resolving or resolved.

**Antigen Test Preferred

PERSONS WHO DISPLAY SYMPTOMS OF COVID -19 – REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS

Testing can be completed at the onset of symptoms but please note that subsequent testing may be required on day 5 or later. While test is pending continue home isolation.

Send home, instruct to isolate, and recommend testing 3 - 5 days.

Notify School Health Office immediately and share test results.

- While staff COVID-19 test is pending, they must continue home isolation.
- **If staff test is positive:** staff must continue isolation and follow protocol for **POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST - REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS** section in this document.
- **If staff does not have a known exposure, test is negative, and symptoms are resolving or resolved:** Staff may return to work and should mask for 10 days from symptom onset.

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- **If staff has a known exposure, test is negative, and symptoms are resolving or resolved:** Staff may return to work and must mask for 10 days from symptom onset.
- **If staff refuse or are unable to test,** staff must remain in home isolation through day 10 and can return on day 11 if 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and symptoms are not present or are resolving.

EXPOSED- ASYMPTOMATIC – REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS

Require testing 3 - 5 days after last exposure.

Notify School Health Office immediately and share test results.

- **If staff test is positive:** staff must continue isolation and follow protocol for **POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST - REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS** section in this document.
- Staff are required to wear a well-fitting mask when sharing indoor airspace for 10 days. *Masking requirements are per Cal/OSHA COVID-19 ETS, link is above.
- If symptoms develop, send home, test, and refer to PERSONS WHO DISPLAY SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 section.
Please Note: Persons infected within the prior 90 days do not need to be tested, quarantined, or excluded from work unless symptoms develop.

DEFINITIONS

Positive Case: a person who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Close Contact: someone who shares the same indoor airspace (home, clinic waiting room, airplane, etc.) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

Exposed: an individual that has had close contact with a Positive Case.

Asymptomatic: means there are no symptoms.

Symptomatic: means showing symptoms, or it may concern a specific symptom.

Isolation: If you have tested POSITIVE for COVID-19 or have COVID-19 symptoms, you should self-isolate. Isolation means to Separate those infected with a contagious disease from people who are not infected.

Acceptable Testing for Schools: this includes Antigen diagnostic tests*, PCR diagnostic tests, and pooled PCR tests**. Diagnostic PCR tests are preferred, but not required.

* Antigen Test Preferred

**If pooled PCR testing is being used, additional testing procedures must be in place to provide subsequent testing should a positive result be detected. Please reference CDPH's School Testing [Resources](#) and [Considerations](#) for more information on pooled testing.

MORE INFORMATION

- State of California Safe Schools For All Hub: [CA Covid-19 School Readiness Hub](#)
- Order of the State Public Health Officer Vaccine Verification for Workers in School – October 15th deadline: [Order of the State Public Health Officer Vaccine Verification for Workers in Schools](#)
- CDPH school testing resources information: [School Testing | California Coronavirus Testing Task Force](#)

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APPENDIX B

POSITIVE CASE PROTOCOL

- ☐ Care Room staff & School Site Administrator will be responsible for reporting student positive cases via the [STUDENT – Positive Google Form](#) and start contact tracing. All K-12 students will be "group traced" and all Employees will be "individually traced".
- ☐ Once an Employee is confirmed positive for COVID-19, it is important for the positive employee to be sent home immediately and instructed to isolate and submit their [Staff \(Positive\) - Google Form](#).
- ☐ Once the Contact Tracing team has processed the employee's case, the employee will receive an email with their recommendation to return to work. (return to work will be no less than 5 days and all requirements will need to be met by CDPH to return). If an employee chooses to end isolation early after Day 5, the [Ending Isolation Early – Google Form](#) will need to be submitted.
- ☐ Contact Tracing Team will work with Riverside County Public Health, Riverside County Emergency Management Services, and the Riverside Emergency Operations Center to report all cases within 24 hours of notification to Contact Tracing using the [Staff \(Positive\) - Google Form](#).
- ☐ If an Employee is identified as a close contact (a person who shared the same indoor airspace for a cumulative 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period of a person contagious with COVID-19), all employees will be required to follow Cal/OSHA requirements. 1. Wear a well-fitted mask for 10 days following exposure and 2. Test on Day 3-5 of last exposure and submit [Staff Close Contact Google Form](#) (unless recently positive in the last 90 days, employee does not need to be tested, quarantined, or excluded from work unless symptoms develop). *Employee will still be required to complete the [Staff Close Contact Google Form](#) and upload their positive result which will exclude them from testing for 90 days.
- ☐ **Per HIPAA all information will be kept confidential including the identity of the individual who has the positive test.** Under NO circumstance will the care room staff disclose any case information for staff or students.
- ☐ If a test from the original circle of contact comes back positive, a new circle of contacts will be identified and those individuals will be advised to follow Cal/OSHA requirements.
- ☐ Employees will need to submit SB114 form with HR for COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave (Exp. 9/30/22); (date may be updated depending on current California Labor Code).
- ☐ Contact Tracing will send out a CVUSD COVID-19 Health Notice for all cases reported that day and will update the CVUSD online COVID-19 tracker for all school sites on a daily basis. Notification will be sent to: CVTA President Carissa Carrera and CSEA President Isadora Jimenez as well as #Leadership.

POSITIVE CASE PROTOCOL

- ❑ **CAUTION** - There is usually a large amount of staff anxiety and concern once information of this nature is sent out. This is normal, as people have a wide variety of reactions when they feel they may be in danger. Some staff will demand to know who the positive case is and they will start asking questions of everyone to determine who it is. This is not acceptable and usually leads to further anxiety. Please remind them that they have not been identified as a person who was exposed and that they should not be discussing or asking about the medical condition of any other employees. Please carefully listen to their concerns. Your expertise in calming the situation will be much appreciated. In some cases the site administrator may hold a voluntary ZOOM meeting to help explain the process and address concerns. If other issues arise related to these concerns that you need help with please call CVUSD Human Resources.
- ❑ The workspace may be disinfected by custodial staff using proper PPE and following CVUSD sanitizing and cleaning guidelines. Routine cleaning is enough to sufficiently remove the virus that causes COVID-19 from surfaces.
- ❑ Positive COVID-19 staff members will remain off work using their available leave options and may return once all the following are met: A negative test on or after Day 5 (from symptom onset or test date), AND symptoms are resolving, AND fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. Note: at home test will not be accepted.
- ❑ Staff should continue to follow all pandemic protocols including COVID self-checks, frequent hand washing, social distancing when possible, and recommend wearing masks while indoors.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Q: Do I need to wear a mask?
A: *It is recommended that mask be worn whenever possible while indoors.*
2. Q: Do I need to wear a mask outdoors?
A: *It is recommended that mask be worn whenever possible while indoors.*
3. Q: What if I forget my mask?
A: *If you choose to wear a mask proceed to the office and one will be provided to you.*
4. Q: What if I have a medical condition?
A: *Persons exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it.*
5. Q: What if I'm fully vaccinated, do I need to wear a mask?
A: *It is recommended that mask be worn whenever possible while indoors.*
6. Q: Do I need to social distance?
A: *In-person instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distancing requirements.*
7. Q: What if I feel sick?
A: *All staff and students with symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home and not return for in-person instruction until they have met CDPH criteria to return to work/school.*
8. Q: What is the CDPH criteria to return to work or school?
A: 1. *Fever free without the use of medications for 24-hours, AND*
2. *Symptoms have improved, AND*
3. *-one of the following-*
 - *A diagnostic specimen is collected (on or after Day 5 of symptom onset or test date) and is negative for SARS-CoV-2, OR*
 - *HCP has provided documentation that the symptoms are typical of their underlying chronic condition (Ex. Allergies, asthma, etc.), OR*
 - *10 Days have passed since 1st symptom appeared.*
9. Q: What if I test positive for SARS-CoV-2?
A: *Complete the [Google Form for Positive staff](#), after submitting result you will be contacted via email and given further instruction for your return to work.*
10. Q: How can I do my part in helping stop the spread of COVID-19?
A: *Teach and reinforce proper hand washing, avoid contact with one's eyes, nose, and mouth. Teach proper respiratory etiquette and cover your cough and sneeze.*

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Center for Disease Control (CDC) Activities and Initiatives Supporting the COVID-19 Response and the President's Plan for Opening America Up Again.
- California Department of Public Health Industry Guidance: Schools and School Based Programs.
- California Department of Education (CDE) Stronger Together: A Guidebook for the reopening of California's Public Schools.
- Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) Moving Forward Together: Reopening Guide.

