

Managing confirmed or suspected COVID-19 at K-12 schools

What to do if a student has:

COVID-19 symptoms

Confirmed COVID-19
(positive test)

Close contact with a COVID-19 case

Has the student had close contact with a person who has COVID-19?

..YES..



Send home. Isolate and get tested (if not tested already) even if vaccinated or recently infected.

See **section #7** of the **K-12 Guidance**

NO

Does the student have documentation from a healthcare provider (HCP) for an underlying chronic health condition that matches their symptoms **OR** a negative SARS-CoV-2 test **OR** an HCP confirmed alternate diagnosis?

YES

Non-COVID-19 illness. Follow guidelines below for alternate diagnoses.

NO



Send home. Isolate and get tested (if not tested already) even if vaccinated or recently infected.

Positive or no test: Stay home for at least 5 days after symptoms start (or after positive test if no symptoms). Isolation can end after day 5 **IF** fever-free with no (or resolving) symptoms **AND** a test (antigen preferred) on day 5 or later is negative. If no test or a positive test on day 5 or later, or symptoms not resolving, isolate through day 10, continuing until fever-free.

Negative test or alternate diagnosis (with no previous positive test): May return to in-person instruction if fever-free (no fever for previous 24 hours, without using fever-reducing medication) **AND** other symptoms improving.

For more detailed information and guidelines, see [CDPH Schools Guidance](#) and [CDPH Isolation & Quarantine Guidance](#).

Staff and employers are subject to Cal/OSHA [COVID-19 ETS](#) or [Aerosol Transmissible Diseases](#) standard and should review those requirements.



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