

COVID-19 Prevention Program

An Addendum to the Injury and Illness Prevention Program
(IIPP)

*In accordance with TITLE 8, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 4, Subchapter 7.
General Industry Safety Orders Section 3205, COVID-19 Prevention*

Merced Union High School District

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Preface

The District utilizes Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) policies for correcting unsafe or unhealthy conditions, work practices and procedures in a timely manner based on the severity of the hazard. This includes, but is not limited to, implementing controls, policies and/or procedures in response to the evaluations conducted for workplace safety matters.

It is the goal of the District's Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) to prevent or reduce injuries, illnesses and loss of productivity in the workplace. In order to accomplish that goal, it is imperative that all employees support the District safety policy and comply with all federal, state and local laws, and ordinances pertaining to fire hazards, hazardous materials, accident prevention and working conditions. This plan is required by Cal-OSHA (California Occupational Safety Health Act) because of legislation (SB 198) effective July 1, 1991.

Employees are required, as a condition of employment, to exercise due care in the course of their work to prevent injuries to themselves and to their fellow workers and to be mentally and physically alert to safety issues. To accomplish this goal, employees will:

1. Follow safe procedures and take an active part in protecting themselves, fellow workers and district property by reporting potential unsafe conditions to their supervisor or safety coordinator.
2. Keep work areas clean and orderly at all times and use all safeguards and safety equipment.
3. Wear safety protective devices as necessary or when instructed to do so.
4. Report injuries immediately and seek immediate medical attention when required.
5. Learn to lift and handle materials properly.
6. Cooperate and take part in the District Safety Program, workshops, training and safety meetings, etc., as appropriate.

Employees are to make every effort to correct hazards immediately within their control. Other hazards are to be reported immediately to the employee's supervisor. Employees may also use the IIPP Employee Hazard Reporting Form to report hazards.

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(a) Scope.

- (1) This section shall apply until February 3, 2025, except for the recordkeeping subsections 3205(j), which shall apply until February 3, 2026.
- (2) This section applies to all employees and all places of employment, with the following exceptions:
 - (A) Work locations with one employee who does not have contact with other persons.
 - (B) Employees working from home.
 - (C) Employees with occupational exposure as defined by section 5199, when covered by section [5199, Aerosol Transmissible Diseases](#).
 - (D) Employees teleworking from a location of the employee's choice, which is not under the control of the employer.
- (3) Nothing in this section or sections 3205.1 through 3205.3 is intended to limit more protective or stringent state of local health department orders or guidance.

(b) Definitions.

The following definitions apply to this section and to sections 3205.1 through 3205.3.

- (1) "Close contact" means the following, unless otherwise defined by regulation or order of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), in which case the CDPH definition shall apply:
 - (A) 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 the COVID-19 case's infectious period, as defined by this section, regardless of the use of face coverings.
 - (B) In indoor spaces of greater than 400,000 cubic feet per floor, a close contact is defined as being within six 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, as defined by this section, regardless of the use of face coverings.
 - (C) Offices, suites, rooms, waiting areas, break or eating areas, bathrooms, or other spaces that are separated by floor-to-ceiling walls shall be considered distinct indoor spaces.
EXCEPTION: Employees have not had a close contact if they wore a respirator required by the employer and used in compliance with section 5144 whenever they would otherwise have had a close contact under subsections 3205(b)(1)(A) or (b)(1)(B).
- (2) "COVID-19" (Coronavirus Disease 2019) means the disease caused by SARS-CoV-2 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2).
- (3) "COVID-19 case" means a person who:
 - (A) Has a positive "COVID-19 test"; or
 - (B) Has a positive COVID-19 diagnosis from a licensed health care provider; or
 - (C) Is subject to a COVID-19-related order to isolate issued by a local or state health official; or
 - (D) Has died due to COVID-19, in the determination of a local health department or per inclusion in the COVID-19 statistics of a county.
- (4) "COVID-19 hazard" means potentially infectious material that may contain SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Potentially infectious materials include airborne droplets, small particle aerosols, and airborne droplet nuclei, which most commonly result from a person or persons exhaling, talking or vocalizing, coughing, or sneezing, or from procedures performed on persons which may aerosolize saliva or respiratory tract fluids.
- (5) "COVID-19 symptoms" means fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea, unless a licensed health care professional determines the person's symptoms were caused by a known condition other than COVID-19.

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- (6) “COVID-19 test” means a test for SARS-CoV-2 that is:
- (A) Cleared, approved, or authorized, including in an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to detect current infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus (e.g., a viral test); and
 - (B) Administered in accordance with authorized instructions;
 - (C) To meet the return to work criteria set forth in subsection 3205(c)(5), a COVID-19 test may be both self-administered and self-read only if another means of independent verification of the results can be provided (e.g., a time-stamped photograph of the results).
- (7) “Exposed group” means all employees at a work location, working area, or a common area at work, within employer-provided transportation covered by section 3205.3, or residing within housing covered by section 3205.2, where an employee COVID-19 case was present at any time during the infectious period. A common area at work includes bathrooms, walkways, hallways, aisles, break or eating areas, and waiting areas. The following exceptions apply:
- (A) For the purpose of determining the exposed group, a place where persons momentarily pass through, without congregating, is not a work location, working area, or a common area at work.
 - (B) If the COVID-19 case was part of a distinct group of employees who are not present at the workplace at the same time as other employees, for instance a work crew or shift that does not overlap with another work crew or shift, only employees within that distinct group are part of the exposed group.
 - (C) If the COVID-19 case visited a work location, working area, or a common area at work for less than 15 minutes during the infectious period, and the COVID-19 case was wearing a face covering during the entire visit, other people at the work location, working area, or common area are not part of the exposed group.

NOTE: An exposed group may include the employees of more than one employer. See Labor Code sections 6303 and 6304.1.

- (8) “Face covering” means a surgical mask, a medical procedure mask, a respirator worn voluntarily, or a tightly woven fabric or non-woven material of at least two layers that completely covers the nose and mouth and is secured to the head with ties, ear loops, or elastic bands that go behind the head. If gaiters are worn, they shall have two layers of fabric or be folded to make two layers. A face covering is a solid piece of material without slits, visible holes, or punctures, and must fit snugly over the nose, mouth, and chin with no large gaps on the outside of the face. A face covering does not include a scarf, ski mask, balaclava, bandana, turtleneck, collar, or single layer of fabric.
- This definition includes clear face coverings or cloth face coverings with a clear plastic panel that otherwise meet this definition and which may be used to facilitate communication with people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing or others who need to see a speaker’s mouth or facial expressions to understand speech or sign language respectively.
- (9) “Infectious period” means the following time period, unless otherwise defined by CDPH regulation or order, in which case the CDPH definition shall apply:
- (A) For COVID-19 cases who develop COVID-19 symptoms, from two days before the date of symptom onset until:
 - (1) Ten days have passed after symptoms first appeared, or through day five if testing negative on day five or later; and
 - (2) Twenty-four hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications; and symptoms have improved.

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- (B) For COVID-19 cases who never develop COVID-19 symptoms, from two days before the positive specimen collection date through 10 days (or through day five if testing negative on day five or later) after the date on which the specimen for their first positive test for COVID-19 was collected.
- (10) “Respirator” means a respiratory protection device approved by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to protect the wearer from particulate matter, such as an N95 filtering facepiece respirator.
- (11) “Returned case” means a COVID-19 case who was excluded from work but returned pursuant to subsection 3205(c)(5)(A) and did not develop any COVID-19 symptoms after returning. A person shall only be considered a returned case for 30 days after the initial onset of COVID-19 symptoms or, if the person never developed COVID-19 symptoms, for 30 days after the first positive test. If a period of other than 30 days is required by a CDPH regulation or order, that period shall apply.
- (12) “Worksite,” for the limited purposes of this section and section 3205.1, means the building, store, facility, agricultural field, or other location where a COVID-19 case was present during the infectious period. It does not apply to buildings, floors, or other locations of the employer that a COVID-19 case did not enter.

(c) Application of Section 3203

COVID-19 is a workplace hazard and shall be addressed under section 3203, which requires employers to establish, implement, and maintain an effective Injury and Illness Prevention Program. The District’s COVID-19 procedures shall be addressed in the written Injury and Illness Prevention Program.

In accordance with the District’s Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP), all employees are responsible for using safe work practices, following all directives, policies, procedures, and assisting in maintaining a safe work environment.

(1) Consideration of all Persons as Potentially Infectious

When determining measures to prevent COVID-19 transmission and to identify and correct COVID-19 hazards, the District will consider all persons to be potentially infectious, regardless of symptoms, vaccination status, or negative COVID-19 test results.

(2) Review Applicable Orders and Guidance

When determining measures to prevent COVID-19 transmission and to identify and correct COVID-19 hazards, the District will review applicable orders and guidance related to COVID-19 from the State of California and the local health department with jurisdiction over the workplace and shall treat COVID-19 as an airborne infectious disease. COVID-19 prevention controls include remote work, physical distancing, reducing the density of people indoors, moving indoor tasks outdoors, implementing separate shifts and/or break times, restricting access to the work area, and other prevention measures, in addition to the requirements of this section.

District Administration and staff continually meet and consult with state and local agencies and other industry professionals to maintain up-to-date information.

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(3) Staff Training

Employees shall receive training regarding COVID-19 in accordance with subsection 3203(a)(7), which states: The District will provide training and instruction:

(A) When the program is first established;

Exception: Employers having in place on July 1, 1991, a written Injury and Illness Prevention Program complying with the previously existing Accident Prevention Program in Section 3203.

(B) To all new employees;

(C) To all employees given new job assignments for which training has not previously been received;

(D) Whenever new substances, processes, procedures or equipment are introduced to the workplace and represent a new hazard;

(E) Whenever the employer is made aware of a new or previously unrecognized hazard; and,

(F) For supervisors to familiarize themselves with the safety and health hazards to which employees under their immediate direction and control may be exposed.

The District provides training and instruction to employees that includes the following:

(A) The District's COVID-19 policies and procedures to protect employees from COVID-19 hazards.

(B) The fact that COVID-19 is an infectious disease that can be spread through the air when an infectious person talks or vocalizes, sneezes, coughs, or exhales; that COVID-19 may be transmitted when a person touches a contaminated object and then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth, although that is less common; and that an infectious person may have no symptoms.

(C) The fact that particles containing the virus can travel more than six feet, especially indoors, so physical distancing, face coverings, increased ventilation indoors, and respiratory protection decrease the spread of COVID-19 but are most effective when used in combination.

(D) The employer's policies for providing respirators, and the right of employees to request a respirator for voluntary use as stated in this section, without fear of retaliation and at no cost to employees. Whenever respirators are provided for voluntary use under this section or sections 3205.1 through 3205.4, the District shall provide effective training and instruction to employees regarding:

1. How to properly wear the respirator provided.

2. How to perform a seal check according to the manufacturer's instructions each time a respirator is worn, and the fact that facial hair interferes with a seal.

(E) The importance of frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and using hand sanitizer when employees do not have immediate access to a sink or hand washing facility, and that hand sanitizer does not work if the hands are soiled.

(F) Proper use of face coverings and the fact that face coverings are not respiratory protective equipment. COVID-19 is an airborne disease. N95s and more protective respirators protect the users from airborne disease while face coverings primarily protect people around the user.

(G) COVID-19 symptoms, and the importance of not coming to work and obtaining a COVID-19 test if the employee has COVID-19 symptoms.

(H) Information on the employer's COVID-19 policies; how to access COVID-19 testing and vaccination; and the fact that vaccination is effective at preventing COVID-19, protecting against both transmission and serious illness or death.

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- (I) The conditions under which face coverings must be worn at the workplace and that employees can request face coverings from the employer at no cost to the employee and can wear them at work, regardless of vaccination status, without fear of retaliation.

Training materials contain the required components of COVID-19 training and awareness.

- Public School Works Training Courses on PSW online
 - M-850 Covid-19: How to Protect Yourself and Others
- Updates to be shared via various methods of staff communication

(4) Procedure to investigate

The District's procedure to investigate COVID-19 illness at the workplace, as required by subsection 3203(a)(5), shall include the following:

- (A) The District will determine the day and time a COVID-19 case was last present and, to the extent possible, the date of the positive COVID-19 test(s) and/or diagnosis, and the date the COVID-19 case first had one or more COVID-19 symptoms, if any were experienced.
- (B) The District will identify and respond to persons with COVID-19 symptoms at the workplace. Employees shall be encouraged to report COVID-19 symptoms and to stay home when ill.

The District asks staff to report, without fear of reprisal, to their Supervisor or Manager any of the following:

1. **COVID-19 symptoms:** If any employee is experiencing any of the identified symptoms of COVID-19
2. **Possible close contacts:** If any employee has been exposed or possibly exposed to an individual who is positive for or has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
3. **Possible COVID-19 hazards at the workplace:** If any employee becomes aware of a possible hazard in the workplace that could increase the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19.

Methods of Reporting:

Immediately Report:	Kim Gurden	Call (209)325-2005
COVID-19 Symptoms	Supervisor/Manager And Kim Gurden	Call (209)325-2005
Possible COVID-19 Exposures	Supervisor/Manager or Human Resources	In person discussion, call, or email your Supervisor/Manager
Possible COVID-19 Hazards at The Workplace	Supervisor/Manager or Risk Manager	In person discussion, call, or email your Supervisor/Manager and/or Risk Manager

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Human Resources	Kim Gurden and Brooke Thompson	Employee illness reporting, contact tracing (staff)	(209)325-2005 (209)325-2011	kgurden@muhsd.org bthomsopn@muhsd.org
Risk Management	Derek Daley	policies and procedures, safety concerns, employee contact tracing	(209)325-2244	ddaley@muhsd.org
Student Services	Cristi Johnson	special education cohorts, contact tracing (students),	(209)325-2121	cjohnson@muhsd.org
Transportation	Brenda Hermosillo	Safety procedures, policies, checklists, response testing	(209)325-2351	bhermosillo@muhsd.org
Warehouse	Jason Perez	Cleaning/sanitizing, Custodial products, etc.	(209)325-2203	jmperez@muhsd.org

Staff are to communicate with their Supervisors for Covid-19 supplies. Site Administrators or designees will submit orders. Requests for Covid-19 supplies submitted via other methods may not be processed.

COVID-19 Case Management Contact Information

Human Resources	Kim Gurden	(209)325-2005	kgurden@muhsd.org
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Covid-19 Case Management Information is Confidential.

Covid-19 case management information is confidential. Only those needing to be involved in contact tracing and possible quarantine procedures will be communicated with directly about details.

(5) Responding to a COVID-19 case in the workplace

The District's methods and/or procedures for responding to a COVID-19 case at the workplace include the following:

- (A) The District will immediately exclude from the workplace all COVID-19 cases and employees excluded under section 3205.1. The District shall demonstrate it has met the applicable requirements below:
 1. COVID-19 cases who do not develop COVID-19 symptoms shall not return to work during the infectious period;
 2. COVID-19 cases who develop COVID-19 symptoms shall not return to work during the shorter of the following: the infectious period; or through 10 days after the onset of symptoms and at least 24 hours have passed since a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medication.
 3. Regardless of vaccination status, previous infection, or lack of COVID-19 symptoms, a COVID-19 case shall wear a face covering in the workplace until 10 days have passed since the date that COVID-19 symptoms began or, if the person did not have COVID-19 symptoms, from the date of their first positive COVID-19 test.

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4. The requirements in subsections 3205(c)(5)(A)1 and (c)(5)(A)2 apply regardless of whether an employee has previously been excluded or other precautions were taken in response to an employee's close contact or membership in an exposed group.

- (B) The District will review current CDPH guidance for persons who had close contacts, including any guidance regarding quarantine or other measures to reduce transmission. The District will develop, implement, and maintain effective policies to prevent transmission of COVID-19 by persons who had close contacts.
- (C) If an order to isolate, quarantine, or exclude an employee is issued by a local or state health official, the employee shall not return to work until the period of isolation or quarantine is completed or the order is lifted.
- (D) If no violations of local or state health official orders for isolation, quarantine, or exclusion would result, the Division may, upon request, allow employees to return to work on the basis that the removal of an employee would create undue risk to a community's health and safety. In such cases, the District shall develop, implement, and maintain effective control measures to prevent transmission in the workplace including providing isolation for the employee at the workplace and, if isolation is not feasible, the use of respirators in the workplace.
- (E) Upon excluding an employee from the workplace based on COVID-19 or a close contact, the District shall give the employee information regarding COVID-19- related benefits to which the employee may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws. This includes any benefits available under legally mandated sick leave, if applicable, workers' compensation law, local governmental requirements, the employer's own leave policies, and leave guaranteed by contract.

(d) Testing of close contacts

The District shall make COVID-19 tests available at no cost, during paid time, to all employees of the district who had a close contact in the workplace, with the exception of returned cases as defined in subsection 3205(b)(11), and provide them with the information on benefits described in subsection 3205(c)(5)(E).

(e) Notice of COVID-19 cases

- (1) The District shall notify employees and independent contractors who had a close contact, as well as any employer with an employee who had a close contact. Notice shall be provided as soon as possible, and in no case longer than the time required to ensure that the exclusion requirements of subsection 3205(c)(5)(A) are met.
- (2) When Labor Code section 6409.6 or any successor law is in effect, the District shall provide notice of a COVID-19 case, in a form readily understandable to employees. Notice shall be given to all employees, employers, and independent contractors at the worksite in accordance with the applicable law.
- (3) When Labor Code section 6409.6 or any successor law is in effect, the District shall provide notice in accordance with the applicable law to the authorized representative, if any, of the COVID-19 case and of any employee who had a close contact. The District shall also provide notice in accordance with the applicable law to the authorized representative, if any, of all employees on the premises at the same worksite as the COVID-19 case within the infectious period.

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(f) Face coverings

- (1) The District shall provide face coverings and ensure they are worn by employees when required by a CDPH regulation or order. When a CDPH regulation or order requires face coverings indoors, that includes spaces within vehicles. Face coverings shall be clean, undamaged, and worn over the nose and mouth.
- (2) When employees are required to wear face coverings under this section or sections 3205.1 through 3205.3, the following exceptions apply:
 - (A) When an employee is alone in a room or vehicle.
 - (B) While eating or drinking at the workplace, provided employees are at least six feet apart and, if indoors, the supply of outside or filtered air has been maximized to the extent feasible.
 - (C) While employees are wearing respirators required by the employer and used in compliance with section 5144.
 - (D) Employees who cannot wear face coverings due to a medical or mental health condition or disability, or who are hearing-impaired or communicating with a hearing-impaired person. Such employees shall wear an effective non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom, if the condition or disability permits it.
 - (E) During specific tasks which cannot feasibly be performed with a face covering. This exception is limited to the time period in which such tasks are actually being performed.
- (3) If an employee is not wearing a face covering pursuant to the exceptions in subsections 3205(f)(2)(D) and (f)(2)(E) the District shall assess COVID-19 hazards and take action as necessary based on subsection 3205(c) and on section 3203.
- (4) The District shall not prevent any employee from wearing a face covering, including a respirator, when not required by this section, unless it would create a safety hazard.

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(g) Respirators

Upon request, the District shall provide respirators for voluntary use in compliance with subsection 5144(c)(2) to all employees who are working indoors or in vehicles with more than one person. Whenever the District makes respirators for voluntary use available, the District shall encourage their use and shall ensure that employees are provided with a respirator of the correct size and that employees are trained how to properly wear the respirator provided; how to perform a user seal check according to the manufacturer's instructions each time a respirator is worn; and the fact that facial hair interferes with a seal.

(h) Ventilation

(1) For indoor workplaces, the District shall review CDPH and the Division guidance regarding ventilation, including "Interim Guidance for Ventilation, Filtration, and Air Quality in Indoor Environments." The District shall develop, implement, and maintain effective methods to prevent transmission of COVID-19 including one or more of the following actions to improve ventilation:

(A) Maximize the supply of outside air to the extent feasible, except when the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Air Quality Index is greater than 100 for any pollutant or if opening windows or maximizing outdoor air by other means would cause a hazard to employees, for instance from excessive heat or cold.

(B) In buildings and structures with mechanical ventilation, filter circulated air through filters at least as protective as Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV)-13, or the highest level of filtration efficiency compatible with the existing mechanical ventilation system.

(C) Use High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtration units in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations in indoor areas occupied by employees for extended periods, where ventilation is inadequate to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

(2) Employers subject to section 5142 or 5143 shall review and comply with those sections, as applicable.

NOTE: Section 5142 requires heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems to be operated continuously during working hours, with limited exceptions.

(3) In vehicles, the District shall maximize the supply of outside air to the extent feasible, except when doing so would cause a hazard to employees or expose them to inclement weather.

(4) A place of employment subject to section 3205.1 after February 3, 2023 shall continue to comply with the ventilation requirements of subsection 3205.1(f) even after the outbreak has passed and section 3205.1 is no longer applicable.

(i). Aerosolizing procedures

For employees in work settings that are exempt from section 5199 in accordance with the conditions in subsections 5199(a)(2)(A) or (a)(2)(B), who are exposed to procedures that may aerosolize potentially infectious material such as saliva or respiratory tract fluids, the District shall evaluate the need for respiratory protection to prevent COVID-19 transmission under section 5144 and shall comply with that section.

NOTE: Examples of work covered by subsection 3205(i) include, but are not limited to, certain dental procedures and outpatient medical specialties not covered by section 5199.

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(j) Reporting and recordkeeping

- (1) The District shall keep a record of and track all COVID-19 cases with the employee's name, contact information, occupation, location where the employee worked, the date of the last day at the workplace, and the date of the positive COVID-19 test and/or COVID-19 diagnosis. These records shall be retained for two years beyond the period in which the record is necessary to meet the requirements of this section or sections 3205.1 through 3205.3.
- (2) The District shall retain the notices required by subsection 3205(e) in accordance with Labor Code section 6409.6 or any successor law.
- (3) Personal identifying information of COVID-19 cases or persons with COVID-19 symptoms, and any employee medical records required by this section or by sections 3205.1 through 3205.3, shall be kept confidential unless disclosure is required or permitted by law. Unredacted information on COVID-19 cases shall be provided to the local health department with jurisdiction over the workplace, CDPH, the Division, and NIOSH immediately upon request, and when required by law.

(k) Orders

Pursuant to title 8, section 332.3, the Division may require an employer to take additional actions to protect employees against COVID-19 hazards through the issuance of an Order to Take Special Action.

Note: Authority cited: Section 142.3, Labor Code. Reference: Sections 142.3, 144.6, and 6409.6, Labor Code.

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§ 3205.1. COVID-19 Outbreaks.

(a) Scope.

This section applies until February 3, 2025.

- (1) This section applies to a workplace covered by section 3205 if three or more employee COVID-19 cases within an exposed group, as defined by subsection 3205(b)(7), visited the worksite during their infectious period at any time during a 14-day period, unless a California Department of Public Health (CDPH) regulation or order defines outbreak using a different number of COVID-19 cases and/or a different time period, in which case this section applies when the number of cases at the worksite constitutes an outbreak under CDPH's definition.
- (2) This section shall apply until there are one or fewer new COVID-19 cases detected in the exposed group for a 14-day period.

(b) COVID-19 testing.

- (1) Immediately upon being covered by this section, the District shall make COVID-19 testing available at no cost to its employees within the exposed group, regardless of vaccination status, during employees' paid time, except for returned cases and employees who were not present at the workplace during the relevant 14-day period(s) under subsection 3205.1(a).
- (2) The District shall then make testing available on a weekly basis to all employees in the exposed group who remain at the workplace.
- (3) Employees who had close contacts shall have a negative COVID-19 test taken within three to five days after the close contact or shall be excluded and follow the return to work requirements of subsection 3205(c)(5) starting from the date of the last known close contact.

(c) Face coverings

Employees in the exposed group, regardless of vaccination status, shall wear face coverings when indoors, or when outdoors and less than six feet from another person, unless one of the exceptions in subsection 3205(f)(2) applies.

(d) Respirators

The District shall notify employees of their right to request and receive a respirator for voluntary use under subsection 3205(g).

(e) COVID-19 Investigation, review and hazard correction

The District shall perform a review of potentially relevant COVID-19 policies, procedures, and controls and implement changes as needed to prevent further spread of COVID-19 when this section initially applies and periodically thereafter. The investigation, review, and changes shall be documented and shall include:

- (1) Investigation of new or unabated COVID-19 hazards including the District's leave policies and practices and whether employees are discouraged from remaining home when sick; the District's COVID-19 testing policies; insufficient supply of outdoor air to indoor workplaces; insufficient air filtration; and insufficient physical distancing.
- (2) The review shall be updated every 30 days that this section continues to apply, in response to new information or to new or previously unrecognized COVID-19 hazards, or when otherwise necessary.
- (3) Any changes implemented to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 based on the investigation and review, which may include: moving indoor tasks outdoors or having them performed remotely; increasing the outdoor air supply when work is done indoors; improving air filtration; increasing physical distancing to the extent feasible; requiring respiratory protection in compliance with section 5144; and other applicable controls.

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(f) Ventilation

In buildings or structures with mechanical ventilation, the District shall filter recirculated air with Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV)-13 or higher efficiency filters if compatible with the ventilation system. If MERV-13 or higher filters are not compatible with the ventilation system, employers shall use filters with the highest compatible filtering efficiency. The employer shall use High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) air filtration units in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations in indoor areas occupied by employees for extended periods, where ventilation is inadequate to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

(g) Major outbreaks

If 20 or more employee COVID-19 cases in an exposed group, as defined by subsection 3205(b)(7), visited the worksite during their infectious period within a 30-day period, the District shall do the following while section 3205.1 applies:

- (1) The COVID-19 testing described in subsection 3205.1(b) shall be required of all employees in the exposed group, regardless of vaccination status, twice a week or more frequently if recommended by the local health department with jurisdiction over the workplace. Employees in the exposed group shall be tested or shall be excluded and follow the return to work requirements of subsection 3205(c)(5).
- (2) The District shall report the outbreak to the Division. This subsection does not limit the District's obligation to report employee deaths, serious injuries, or serious illnesses when required by subsection 342(a).
- (3) The District shall provide respirators for voluntary use in compliance with subsection 5144(c)(2) to employees in the exposed group, shall encourage their use, and shall train employees provided respirators for voluntary use, as set forth in subsection 3205(g).
- (4) Any employees in the exposed group who are not wearing respirators required by the employer and used in compliance with section 5144 shall be separated from other persons by at least six feet, except where the District can demonstrate that at least six feet of separation is not feasible, and except for momentary exposure while persons are in movement. Methods of physical distancing include: telework or other remote work arrangements; reducing the number of persons in an area at one time, including visitors; visual cues such as signs and floor markings to indicate where employees and others should be located or their direction and path of travel; staggered arrival, departure, work, and break times; and adjusted work processes or procedures, such as reducing production speed, to allow greater distance between employees. When it is not feasible to maintain a distance of at least six feet, individuals shall be as far apart as feasible.

Note: Authority cited: Section 142.3, Labor Code. Reference: Sections 142.3 and 144.6, Labor Code.

COVID-19 Prevention Program
An Addendum to the Injury and Illness Prevention Program:

Appendix A: Links to guidance

covid19.ca.gov- California current safety measures
[CDPH Isolation and Quarantine Guidance](#)

Employers

- Cal/OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard COVID-19 Prevention Program [resources](#)
- [Safety in the workplace](#) (covid19.ca.gov)

K-12 Education

- [Safe Schools for All Hub](#)
- [CDPH K-12 Schools guidance](#)

Face Coverings

- [Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings](#) (CDPH)
- [CDPH Get the most out of masking](#)
- [Face coverings, masks, and respirators](#) (covid19.ca.gov) – Information & Overview
- [Face coverings, masks & respirators](#) (DIR)- Handout
- [Voluntary use of N95 masks](#) (DIR)- Cal/OSHA

Mega Events

- [Mega Events: 1,000 + people](#) (CDPH)