

COVID Updates 5/22/25

LAC DPH -Covid-19 and ARI Guidelines for Education Settings

- Required actions for educational settings
 - Reporting outbreaks as outlined on the Acute Respiratory Illness (ARI) page
 - Each LEA must have a Covid-19 testing, which remains in effect until January 1, 2026
- DPH has now included COVID-19 in the Acute Respiratory Illness category which include: COVID-19, RSV, Influenza (Flu), Cold, and many others
- If a person (staff or student) has symptoms of an ARI or tests positive for COVID-19 and reports it to the work, the person should follow COVID-19 Community guidelines:
 - Staff reporting an ARI to Work
 - Report to your direct supervisor
 - Stay home if symptomatic or has a fever > 100.4.
 - May return to work/school if asymptomatic or fever-free for > 24 hours, but should wear a mask through day 10 to limit exposure to other people
 - Students reporting an ARI to school
 - Stay home if symptomatic or has a fever > 100.4.
 - May return to work/school if asymptomatic or fever-free for > 24 hours, but should wear a mask through day 10 to limit exposure to other people

LADPH recommends preventive measures to prevent spread of ARI's:

- Practice good hygiene
 - Handwashing
 - Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
 - Cover your cough or sneeze
 - Avoid touching your face, eyes, ears and nose
- Staying away from others when sick
- Vaccines
- Having good airflow ventilation (HVAC systems in schools)
- Clean and disinfect surfaces

AUSD Health Services monitors communicable diseases and potential outbreaks