



COVID-19 RESPONSE SCENARIOS

HEALTH PROTOCOLS

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For Students and Families



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The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued [guidance](#) on what measures should be taken when a student, teacher or staff member has symptoms of COVID-19, has had close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19 or who is diagnosed with COVID-19.

Students and staff members will be asked to conduct a health self-assessment before interacting with others and before attending school.

If symptoms are present, please stay home from school and other activities.

01	SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS	
	SCENARIO	PROTOCOL
	A student or staff member exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 which cannot otherwise be explained with pre-existing conditions such as seasonal allergies, etc. Primary symptoms of COVID-19 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fever (100.4°F/38°C or higher)CoughLoss of taste or smellDifficulty breathing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students who display symptoms of illness during the day should go to a designated triage room until they can be picked up by a parent or guardian. Staff members who display symptoms of illness during the day will be sent home.State guidelines recommend testing for the individual experiencing symptoms. Staff members will be directed to a Placer County School Testing Site. Students can contact their physician or access the free OptumServe testing site.If the individual was symptomatic, but not exposed, and tests negative for COVID-19, the student or staff member may return to in-person instruction three days after symptoms resolve.If the individual does not get a COVID-19 test, the student or staff member may return to school 10 days after symptoms first appeared, and are 24 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medication.School/classroom/cohort will remain open.
02	CLOSE CONTACT/EXPOSURE	
	SCENARIO	PROTOCOL
	A student or staff member has been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students and staff should not come to campus if they knowingly had close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19. Centers for Disease Control defines close contact as anyone who has been within six feet of an infected individual for at least 15 minutes.The individual will be asked to quarantine for 14 days from last exposure.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">State guidelines recommend testing for the individual who had close contact. Staff members will be directed to a Placer County School Testing Site. Students can contact their physician or access the free OptumServe testing site.If the individual had close contact and tests negative, it does not shorten the 14-day quarantine.School/classroom/cohort will remain open.Families in the cohort will receive notification regarding any additional safety precautions.
03	POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST	
	SCENARIO	PROTOCOL
	A student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Individuals cannot come onto campus for 10 days from symptom onset or test date. In addition, individuals must be fever free without fever-reducing medication for at least 24 hours and other symptoms have improved.If an individual tests positive, but has had no symptoms, they may return to campus 10 days after the test.Site administrators will identify school site contacts, quarantine and exclude exposed contacts for 14 days after the last date the case was present at school while infectious. State guidelines recommend testing of close contacts, especially those who are asymptomatic.Disinfection and deep cleaning of classroom and primary spaces where the case spent significant time will be conducted.At a minimum, cohort will be closed.Families and staff will receive notification regarding any additional safety precautions.
04	NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST	
	SCENARIO	PROTOCOL
	A student or staff member tests negative for COVID-19.	<div><div>Negative test after symptoms, but with no close contact or exposure: Student or staff may return to in-person instruction three days after symptoms resolve.</div><div>Negative test after close contact or exposure regardless of symptoms: Full 14-day quarantine required before return to school for student or staff.</div></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">School/classroom/cohort will remain open.Families and staff will receive notification regarding any additional safety precautions.

Please note, any reference to “days” throughout this document is intended as calendar days.

Quarantine vs Isolation:

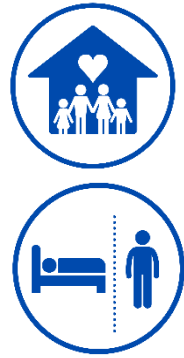
Quarantine is for people who have been exposed to COVID-19, and who could become infected and spread the disease to others. Quarantine is for 14 days from last known exposure. [See quarantine guidance.](#)

Isolation is used for people who are currently infected and able to spread the disease and who need to stay away from others in order to avoid infecting them. [See isolation guidance.](#) Isolation should continue until:

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared, AND
- At least 1 day (24 hours) has passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; AND
- Other symptoms have improved.

OR, if asymptomatic,

- At least 10 days have passed following specimen collection.



Exposure/Close Contact:

A close contact is someone who has been within six feet of the positive person while they were infectious for 15 minutes or more, even if one or both people were wearing face coverings. This also includes living in the same household as a person with COVID-19, caring for a person with COVID-19 or being in direct contact with secretions from a person with COVID-19 (e.g. being coughed on, kissing, sharing utensils, etc.) Individuals who have COVID-19 are considered infectious from 48 hours before their symptoms began or 48 hours before they were tested for COVID-19 if they never had symptoms.

Guidance on School Closure:

The CDPH guidance outlines multiple scenarios for continued safety measures should school staff or students be symptomatic, be exposed or test positive for COVID-19.

- An individual school site would close for distance learning if at least five percent of the student body and staff are diagnosed with COVID-19 within a 14-day period.
- An individual school district would close if a quarter of its schools have been closed due to positive COVID-19 cases within two weeks.

Important References:

- [COVID-19 Reopening In-Person Learning Framework for K-12 Schools](#)
- [COVID-19 INDUSTRY GUIDANCE: Schools and School-Based Programs](#)
- Be sure to review any reopening guidance documents from your local school district for additional information.

Questions:

Contact your school principal or school district for site-specific questions. For general questions about COVID-19 and precautions currently recommended by Placer County Public Health, residents may call the county's coronavirus information line at 530.886.5310.

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