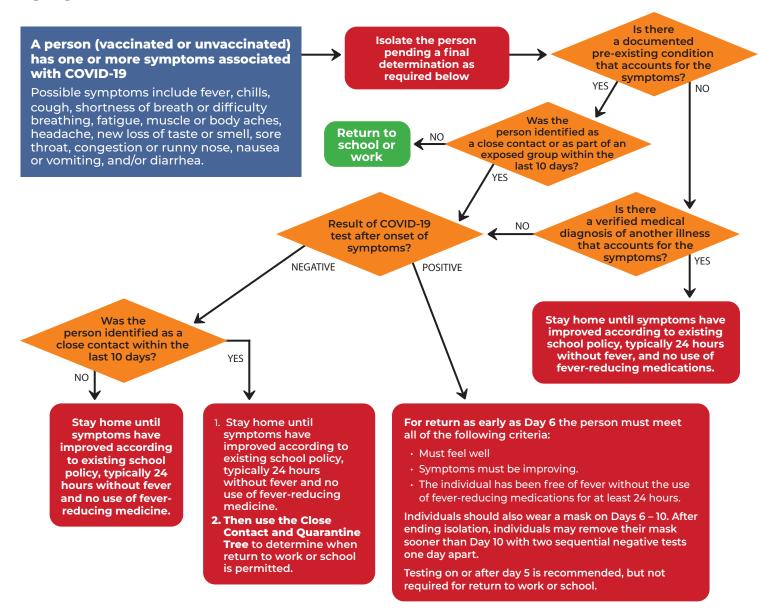
# COVID-19 Decision Trees for K-12 Schools

Today's updates: Symptom and Isolation Tree changes were made to requirements for an individual who tests positive for COVID-19. In the Close Contact Tree, language on employee testing was changed from "must" to "recommended" except if the employee is returning to work during an outbreak. All three tables on pg. 3 have been updated to reflect new guidance.

#### If the person...

- . Has symptoms, use the Symptom and Isolation Tree
- Has tested positive and does not have symptoms, use the Asymptomatic Positive Tree
- Is identified as a close contact and does not have symptoms, use the Close Contact and Quarantine Trees

# Symptom and Isolation Tree for Students and K-12 Workers













## Asymptomatic Positive Tree for Students and K-12 Workers

A person (vaccinated or unvaccinated) has tested positive for COVID-19 using any test type and does not have symptoms

**Confirmation testing** is not recommended

Isolate at home for 5 days from the date on which the first sample was collected.

- · Return on or after day 6
- If symptoms develop, isolate immediately and follow the **Symptom and Isolation Tree**.
- · STUDENTS: On Days 6 10, students should wear a mask that fits snugly over the mouth and nose while indoors and when around others outside.
- EMPLOYEES: On Days 6 10, emloyees should wear a mask that fits snugly over the mouth and nose while indoors and when around others outside. After ending isolation, employees may remove their mask sooner than Day 10 with two sequential negative tests one day apart.

## Close Contact Tree for Students and K-12 Workers

Did the person share a common indoor airspace with a person who was contagious with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period (spaces <400,000 CF) OR was within 6 feet of the infected person (spaces >400,000 CF) for 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period?

NOTE: Based on the CDPH's current definition for close contact, updated 11/9/22.

Does the person live with a household member who has COVID-19?

YES

NO

To continue in-person work/ school, asymptomatic close contacts (even if fully vaccinated) are expected to test on Day, 3, 4, or 5, after the COVID-positive household member completes their isolation period.

- K-12 workers and students are expected to test and report positive test results.
- Testing as soon as it is known that a household member is positive is also recommended.

Did the exposure occur at school/work?

> To remain in school/ work:

NO

- K-12 workers are recommended to test on Day 3, 4, or 5 and report positive test results.
- Students are expected to test and report positive test results.

All close contacts (even if fully vaccinated) should test on Day 3, 4, or 5.

#### FOR EMPLOYEES:

YES

- Follow notification requirements for close contact in the Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention nonemergency Regulations. See Table 2 of this FAQ for a list of notification requirements.
- Testing is recommended for employee close contacts on day 3, 4, or 5 after last exposure. If there is an outbreak, K-12 workers **MUST** test on Day 3, 4, or 5 and report results or they will be excluded from work.

#### FOR STUDENTS:

- Use of this sample notification letter is recommended, but not required. During periods of high transmission school-wide notification is also recommended as an alternative to overlapping group notifications.
- Students are expected to test and report positive test results.

#### Students and K-12 Workers:

- · People who are within 30 days of a prior COVID-19 infection do not need to test.
- · If the exposed person has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, they must stay home, should get tested, and must follow the guidance in the Symptom and isolation tree on page 1.
- · Students and employees who test positive must stay home and notify the school/employer of the positive test.

To continue to participate in school and extracurricular activities, student close contacts should test negative on Day 3, 4, or 5 following their last exposure.

- · Schools are not required to verify negative test results.
- Parents are expected to test their children as required by the <u>public health order</u> and notify the school of positive test results.
- It is strongly recommended that exposed students wear a well-fitting mask indoors around others for at least 10 days following the date of last exposure.

Employees should wear a well-fitting mask indoors around others for at least 10 days following the date of last exposure to a person who was contagious.

## **Test Types By Situation**

Situation	Appropriate Test Types
Person with symptoms (For initial testing in response to symptoms.)	<ul> <li>Antigen is preferred because it returns a quick result</li> <li>PCR or other NAAT are acceptable.</li> </ul>
Close Contacts	<ul> <li>Antigen is preferred because it returns a quick result</li> <li>PCR or other NAAT are acceptable.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Per <u>CDPH Guidance for Local Health Jurisdictions on Isolation and Quarantine of the General Public</u> "Close contacts should consider testing as soon as possible to determine infection status and follow all isolation recommendations above if testing positive. Knowing one is infected early enables (a) earlier access to treatment options, if indicated (especially for those who may be at risk for severe illness), and (b) notification of exposed persons (close contacts) who may also benefit by knowing if they are infected. If testing negative before Day 3, retest at least a day later at least once, during the 3–5 day window following exposure."</li> </ul>
Required screenings	<ul> <li>Antigen is preferred because it returns a quick result</li> <li>PCR or other NAAT are acceptable.</li> </ul>
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### **At-Home Testing**

**STUDENTS:** Schools may accept the results of at-home testing for the same uses for which antigen tests are approved. Schools are encouraged to use a means described in the <a href="Over-The-Counter Tests Guidance">Over-The-Counter Tests Guidance</a> to verify the results on tests administered at home, if necessary. See the "What are best practices for verification of self-test results?" section for specific recommendations.

**EMPLOYEES:** If testing is required, per Cal/OSHA, "an over-the-counter (OTC) COVID-19 test may be both self-administered and self-read if verification of the results, such as a time and date stamped photograph of the result or an OTC test that uses digital reporting with time and date stamped results, is provided." This guidance can be found in Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Non-Emergency Regulations FAQ-Testing.

#### **Public Health Notification Requirements**

As of March 1, 2023, schools will no longer be expected to report individual COVID-19 cases to the County Public Health Department. Reporting of outbreaks to PHS will continue as required under California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 17, §2500 and §2508.

Based on Cal/OSHA mandates, employers must report all major outbreaks at any worksite to CAL/OSHA. (<u>Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Non-Emergency Regulations FAQ - Outbreaks</u>)









