

COVID-19 Protocols for TK-12 School Settings in Santa Barbara County:

2022-2023 Revision History:

- *Revision on March 21, 2023, re. [Cal/OSHA FAQs](#) and updated [CDPH K-12 Guidance](#)*
- *Revision on March 10, 2023, re. [CDPH Isolation Guidance](#) update (effective March 13, 2023)*
- *Revision on February 7, 2023, re. [Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Non-Emergency Regulations](#) (effective through February 3, 2025).*
- *Revision on September 22, 2022, re. CDPH updated [Guidance for the Use of Face Masks](#).*
- *Revision September 18, 2022, re. rescinded [CDPH Health Officer Order](#) which eliminates the previous requirement of vaccination verification and weekly testing of unvaccinated adult workers (both paid and unpaid) in schools.*
- *Revisions on August 18, 2022, in coordination with Santa Barbara County Public Health School Team in alignment with Cal/OSHA ETS on May 6, 2022, and CDPH Guidance effective June 30, 2022.*

Schools/LEAs can be more restrictive in their adopted protocols and procedures, but not less than requirements. Schools/LEAs should review Public Health guidance and CCR Title 17 obligations when establishing mitigation protocols and response to positive cases. Cal/OSHA requires that employers have a written prevention program for COVID-19 ([Cal/OSHA Model COVID-19 Prevention Program](#)) that applies to staff. The [CDPH K-12 Guidance](#) provides recommendations and requirements for students related to COVID-19.

<p><u>MASKING GUIDANCE</u></p>	<p>CDPH Guidance for the Use of Face Masks encourages individual determination of risk for mask use in accordance with the CDC Community Levels recommended actions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Everyone can choose to use a mask safely at school per CDPH. ● Schools are REQUIRED to make masks available to staff at no cost and ensure they are used correctly when required by Cal/OSHA or a Public Health order. <p>STUDENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Masks are recommended for STUDENTS when returning from isolation in less than 10 days per CDPH.* <i>*Masks may be removed in less than 10 days with two negative tests at least 24 hours apart.</i> ● Masks are recommended for STUDENTS following exposure in shared airspace of 15 minutes or more per CDPH. <p>STAFF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Masks are recommended for STAFF following exposure in shared airspace of 15 minutes or more per CDPH.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks are REQUIRED for STAFF per Cal/OSHA when returning from isolation in less than 10 days. • Masks are REQUIRED during an established staff outbreak per Cal/OSHA for the exposed worksite staff group.
<p><u>TESTING</u></p>	<p>STUDENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test recommendations remain in place for those with COVID-19 symptoms and shared airspace exposure per CDPH. • Testing is recommended when engaging in higher risk activities when spending time with people at high risk of illness per CDPH. <p>STAFF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test recommendations remain in place for those with COVID-19 symptoms and shared airspace exposure per CDPH. • Testing is recommended when engaging in higher risk gatherings and when spending time with people at high risk of illness per CDPH. • REQUIRED per Cal/OSHA during an established staff outbreak for staff close contacts 3-5 days following last close contact exposure** and during a major outbreak for the exposed staff group twice weekly. • REQUIRED staff access to tests at no cost during paid time to staff close contacts and when required due to an established staff outbreak or Public Health order.

<p><u>RETURNING TO SCHOOL AND WORK IF SYMPTOMATIC:</u></p>	<p>STUDENTS and STAFF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation of testing for COVID-19 with an initial antigen test and follow up testing 24-48 hours later if negative. Students and staff are encouraged to report positivity to the school. <p><i>It is strongly recommended that a well-fitting mask be worn when around others for a total of 10 days after symptom onset, especially indoors.</i></p>
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<p><u>POSITIVE TEST</u> See Title 17, Section 2526 regarding school exclusion for communicable disease requirements.</p>	<p>STUDENTS (RECOMMENDATION-CDPH) and STAFF (REQUIREMENT-Cal/OSHA)</p> <p>A confirmed positive case of COVID-19 may return to school when:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5 days have past from symptom onset or if no symptoms, positive test date, 2. Fever-free for 24 hours with no fever-reducing medication, 3. Symptoms are no longer present or are mild and improving, and 4. Using a mask around others through Day 10.*
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	<p><i>*Student masking for 10 days is not needed if there are two negative tests at least 24 hours apart.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● REQUIRED reporting of an identified “outbreak” of 10% of a cohort/group/team/activity per CCR Title 17, Sections 2500 and 2508, to SBCPHD at https://publichealthsb.org/school-health/ ● REQUIRED reporting of a major staff outbreak of 20 more staff from an exposed group over 30 days, staff hospitalization or staff death to Cal/OSHA.
<p><u>SCHOOL/ WORKSITE EXPOSURE:</u></p>	<p>STUDENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recommendation for schools to provide a “Surge Letter” in times of observed high transmission to the school community. CDPH Surge Letter Template at Safe Schools Hub <p>STAFF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● REQUIRED STAFF close contact* notification and worksite exposure notification per Labor Code 6404 (includes “authorized representatives” of the exposed group and the positive case if a staff member) per Cal/OSHA. Close contact staff and the exposed group must be additionally notified during an established staff outbreak due to additional testing and masking requirements outlined by Cal/OSHA.
<p><u>WRITTEN PLANS</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● REQUIRED CAL/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Non-Emergency Regulations-compliant written IIPP or separate COVID-19 Prevention Plan for worker safety protocols. ● REQUIRED COVID-19 Testing Plan per SB 1479

****STAFF Close Contact per [Cal/OSHA COVID-19 FAQ](#):**

- *“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 a COVID-19 case’s infectious period.*
- *In large indoor spaces greater than 400,000 cubic feet per floor, a close contact is defined as being within 6 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.*
- *Offices, suites, rooms, waiting areas, break or eating areas, bathrooms or other spaces that are separated by floor-to-ceiling walls are considered distinct indoor airspaces.”*

REFERENCE LINKS:

- CDPH K-12 GUIDANCE: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2022-23-School-Year.aspx>
- CDPH Safe Schools Hub Resources: <https://schools.covid19.ca.gov>
- Cal/OSHA Title 8, Division 1, Chapter 4, Section 3205 re. COVID-19 Prevention: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb/documents/COVID-19-Prevention-Non-Emergency-txtbrdconsider.pdf>

- Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Non-Emergency Regulations Resources (Summary, FAQ, Model Prevention Program):
<https://www.dir.ca.gov/DOSH/Coronavirus/Covid-19-NE-Reg-FAQs.html>

TESTING RESOURCES

- Aptitude Clinical Diagnostics, Inc. continues to remain available as a local testing option for those schools who have opted into the program through SBCEO. Off campus testing locations are listed below. For on-campus testing support, please contact Aptitude staff directly at enterprisesupport@aptitudemedical.com or 805-259-1499. At this time, Aptitude is committed to continuing to provide free testing for students and staff who do not have insurance. Please email Jill Stevens at gstevens@sbceo.org with any questions or inquiries about this testing program.

Aptitude Clinical Diagnostic Testing Locations:

1. **Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara**: Mon-Fri 9:00am – 5:00pm, and Sat - Sun 9:00am - 2:00pm
 2. **Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria**: Mon-Fri 9:00am - 5:00pm and Sat-Sun 9:00am - 1:00pm Entrance 5 on South College Drive toward Parking Lot 6, or Entrance 1 on Bradley Road toward Parking Lot 6. The sample collection station is in front of Building W.
 3. **Valley Region: River View Park, Eastside Parking Lot in Buellton**: Mon-Fri 10:00am – 4:00pm, and Sun 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- **OVER THE COUNTER (OTC)/AT-HOME TESTS ARE FREE FOR SCHOOLS THROUGH CDPH:**
To order: <https://labsupport.powerappsportals.us/orderotc/>
 - Santa Barbara Public Health Testing Center locations and appointment information are available at the Santa Barbara Public Health website at <https://publichealthsb.org/testing/> or by visiting <https://myturn.ca.gov/testing.html> for state-wide testing locations. Santa Barbara County Test to Treat locations and information are available at the Santa Barbara Public Health website at <https://publichealthsb.org/test-to-treat/>. Test to treat locations are where people are able to get tested, and—if they are positive and eligible for treatment—receive a prescription from a health care provider, and have their prescription filled all at one location.

North County-Santa Maria:

Santa Maria Health Care Center (Testing Trailer)
2115 Centerpointe Parkway
Santa Maria, CA 93458

Mid-County- Lompoc:

Lompoc Health Care Center (Testing Trailer)
301 North R St.
Lompoc, CA 93436

South County- Santa Barbara:

Santa Barbara (Testing Trailer)
267 Camino del Remedio
Santa Barbara, 93110

