

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

### 2022-2023 Revision History:

- *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 rescinded [CDPH Health Officer Order](#) which eliminates the previous requirement of vaccination verification and weekly testing of unvaccinated adult workers (both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><b><u>MASKING GUIDANCE</u></b></p>	<p><a href="#">CDPH Guidance for the Use of Face Masks</a> encourages individual determination of risk for mask use in accordance with the <a href="#">CDC Community Levels</a> recommended actions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Everyone can choose to use a mask safely at school per CDPH.</li> <li>● Schools are <b>REQUIRED</b> to have a procedure to make masks available to staff and students per CDPH.</li> <li>● Masks are <b>REQUIRED</b> for workers in high risk settings (healthcare settings, long term care, adult and senior care) and in homeless shelters, emergency centers, correctional and detention facilities following CDC Community Levels per CDPH through April 2, 2023. Schools are not high risk settings.</li> </ul> <p><b>STUDENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 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 presentation of two negative tests at least 24 hours apart.</i></li> <li>● Masks are recommended for STUDENTS following exposure in shared airspace of 15 minutes or more per CDPH.</li> </ul>
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	<p><b>STAFF</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masks are recommended for STAFF following exposure in shared airspace of 15 minutes or more per CDPH.</li> <li>• Masks are <b>REQUIRED for STAFF</b> per Cal/OSHA when returning from isolation in less than 10 days.* <i>*Masks may be removed in less than 10 days with presentation of two negative tests at least 24 hours apart.</i></li> <li>• Masks are <b>REQUIRED</b> during an established staff outbreak per Cal/OSHA for the exposed worksite staff group.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>TESTING</u></b></p>	<p><b>STUDENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test recommendations remain in place for those with COVID-19 symptoms and shared airspace exposure per CDPH.</li> <li>• Testing is recommended when engaging in higher risk activities when spending time with people at high risk of illness per CDPH.</li> </ul> <p><b>STAFF</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test recommendations remain in place for those with COVID-19 symptoms and shared airspace exposure per CDPH.</li> <li>• Testing is recommended when engaging in higher risk gatherings and when spending time with people at high risk of illness per CDPH.</li> <li>• <b>REQUIRED</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>REQUIRED</b> staff access to tests at no cost during paid time to staff close contacts and when required due to an established staff outbreak.</li> </ul>

<p><b><u>RETURNING TO SCHOOL AND WORK IF SYMPTOMATIC:</u></b></p>	<p><b>STUDENTS and STAFF</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Recommendation of testing for COVID-19 with an initial antigen test and follow up testing 24-48 hours</a> later if negative. Students and staff are encouraged to report positivity to the school.</li> </ul> <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>
<p><b><u>POSITIVE TEST</u></b></p>	<p><b>STUDENTS (<a href="#">RECOMMENDATION-CDPH</a>) and STAFF (REQUIREMENT-Cal/OSHA)</b> A confirmed positive case of COVID-19 may return to school when:</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 5 days have past from symptom onset or if no symptoms, positive test date,</li> <li>2. Fever-free for 24 hours with no fever-reducing medication,</li> <li>3. Symptoms are no longer present or are mild and improving, and</li> <li>4. Using a mask around others through Day 10.*</li> </ol> <p><i>*Masks may be removed in less than 10 days with presentation of two negative tests at least 24 hours apart.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>REQUIRED</b> reporting of an identified “outbreak” of 10% of a cohort/group/team/activity per CCR Title 17 to SBCPHD at <a href="https://publichealthsb.org/school-health/">https://publichealthsb.org/school-health/</a></li> <li>● <b>REQUIRED</b> reporting of a major staff outbreak of 20 more staff from an exposed group over 30 days, staff hospitalization or staff death to <a href="#">Cal/OSHA</a>.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>SCHOOL/WORKSITE EXPOSURE:</u></b></p>	<p><b>STUDENTS (RECOMMENDATION-CDPH) and STAFF (REQUIREMENT-Cal/OSHA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Groups who shared indoor airspace, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status or prior infection, should be notified of exposure, test recommendation within 3-5 days after last exposure and recommendation of use of mask for 10 days. <a href="#">CDPH Exposure Letter Template at Safe Schools Hub</a></li> <li>● Schools may select to provide a “Surge Letter” in times of observed high transmission. <a href="#">CDPH Surge Letter Template at Safe Schools Hub</a></li> <li>● <b>REQUIRED</b> 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>WRITTEN PLANS</u></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>REQUIRED</b> <a href="#">CAL/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Non-Emergency Regulations</a>-compliant written IIPP or separate COVID-19 Prevention Plan for worker safety protocols.</li> <li>● <b>REQUIRED</b> COVID-19 Testing Plan per <a href="#">SB 1479</a></li> </ul>

**\*\*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](mailto: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](mailto: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