Mount Madonna School COVID-19 Guidelines

Guidelines

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INTRODUCTION

Mount Madonna School's (MMS) highest priority is the safety and well-being of the students, parents, faculty, staff and community. MMS's goal is to provide students with access to an inclusive, high-quality, in-person education. The school's COVID-19 document compiles up-to-date guidance from public health authorities, including the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Cal/OSHA, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). **As a private school, we can choose to be more protective than the guidance.**

Within it are outlined proper procedures to follow in a range of possible scenarios of staff, faculty or student exposure or infection. This document is not intended as a static document and will be updated as guidance and circumstances evolve.

For more detailed guidance, refer to the following resources:

- [CDPH$_1$ Guidance on Isolation and Quarantine for COVID-19](#)
- [CDPH$_2$ Testing Guidance](#)
- [CDPH$_2$ Employer Questions about AB-685](#)
- [Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Resources](#)
- [Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Non-Emergency Regulations](#)
- [CDC$_1$ COVID-19 Testing: What you Need to Know](#)
- [CDC$_2$ Overview of COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [CDC Covid-19 Symptoms](#)
- [Cal/OSHA FAQ's](#)
- [CalOSHA Summary](#)
- [CDPH$_4$ State Public Health Officer Order for COVID-19 Disease Control & Prevention](#)

DEFINITIONS

TK-12 schools must continue to follow the requirements outlined in the State Public Health Officer [Order](#) of March 03, 2023, [Cal/OSHA](#) Workplace Safety and Health Regulations, [California Code of Regulations](#), as well as relevant [State and Federal Laws and/or Legislation](#).

	Close Contact	"Close Contact" means the following: ● In indoor spaces of 400,000 or fewer cubic feet per floor (such as homes, clinic waiting rooms, airplanes, etc.), close contact is defined as sharing the same indoor airspace for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (for example, three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes) during a confirmed case's infectious period. ● In large indoor spaces greater than 400,000 cubic feet per floor (such as open-floor-plan offices, warehouses, large retail stores, manufacturing, or food processing facilities), close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of the infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period during the confirmed case's infectious period. ● Spaces that are separated by floor-to-ceiling walls (e.g., offices, suites, rooms, waiting areas, bathrooms, or break or eating areas that are separated by floor-to-ceiling walls) must be considered distinct indoor airspaces.	**CDPH**[1]
	Infectious Period	● For symptomatic confirmed cases, from the day of symptom onset until 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications, AND symptoms are mild and improving. ● For asymptomatic confirmed cases, there is no infectious period for the purpose of isolation or exclusion. If symptoms develop, the criteria above will apply.	**CDPH**[4]
	Isolation	Isolation separates those infected with a contagious disease from people who are not infected.	**CDPH**[1]
	Molecular Tests (PCR)	Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests are taken by a healthcare provider and transported to a laboratory for testing. Results may take up to 3 days.	**CDC**[1]
	Antigen Tests (At-Home)	Antigen tests are rapid tests that usually produce results in 15-30 minutes. Positive results are very accurate and reliable.	**CDC**[1]
	Vaccines	There are two types of COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States: mRNA vaccines and protein subunit vaccines. CDC recommends the 2023−2024 updated COVID-19 vaccines: Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, or Novavax, to protect against serious illness from COVID-19. Vaccine recommendations are based on age, and in some cases, time since last dose, the first vaccine received, and immunocompromised status.	**CDC**[2]

TK-12 NOTIFICATION GUIDANCE

Exclusion of students with any contagious disease	A pupil while infected with any contagious or infectious disease may not remain in any public school. It shall be the duty of the principal or other person in charge of any public, private or Sunday School to exclude any child or other person affected with a disease presumably communicable, until the expiration of the prescribed period of isolation for the particular communicable disease. If the attending physician, school physician, or health officer finds upon examination that the person is not suffering from a communicable disease, he may submit a certificate to this effect to the school authority who shall readmit the person. whenever there is a good reason to believe that the child is suffering from a recognized contagious or infectious disease, he shall be sent home and shall not be permitted to return until the school authorities are satisfied that any contagious or infectious disease does not exist.	[Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, § 202, 5 CA ADC § 202](#) [CCR CA Title 17 § 2526 CA Code Regs. CCR Tit. 17, § 2526](#) [CA Ed Code Section §49451](#)
Notifications: Mandated COVID-19 Reporting for Schools during Outbreaks (3 or more cases in 7 days)	**Schools are required to report COVID-19 outbreaks to Public Health** (3 or more COVID-19 cases among students and/or staff within a 7-day period) **within 48 hours**. Schools also **must continue to notify the local health department of additional COVID-19 cases** until the workplace is notified by Public Health that the outbreak has closed	[CCR$_3$](#)
Notifications: Employers	Recording and tracking all COVID-19 cases with the employee's name, contact information, occupation, location where the employee worked, date of last day at the workplace and date of positive COVID-19 test. The information must be provided to the local health department, Cal/OSHA, the Department of Public Health, and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health immediately upon request. Otherwise, medical information must be kept confidential unless disclosure is required or permitted by law.	[CDPH$_2$](#)

CHILDCARE FACILITIES GUIDANCE

Licensees and other child care providers should continue to follow COVID-19 requirements and guidance in all applicable California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and Community Care Licensing (CCL) Provider Information Notices (PIN), in addition to guidance or requirements from California Department of Public Health (CDPH), California Department of Industrial Relations Division of Occupational Safety & Health (Cal/OSHA), and local public health departments, as applicable to the particular facility. If there are differing requirements between the most current CDPH, CCL, Cal/OSHA, and local health department guidance or health orders, licensees and providers should follow the strictest requirements. This guidance is for a childcare setting, i.e. a worksite where children are present. When students are not present see the Workplace Guidance. CAL OSHA requires more restrictions if there are multiple COVID-19 infections and/or COVID-19 outbreaks.

NOTIFICATIONS FOR POSITIVE CASES

REPORTING FOR CHILDCARE SETTINGS

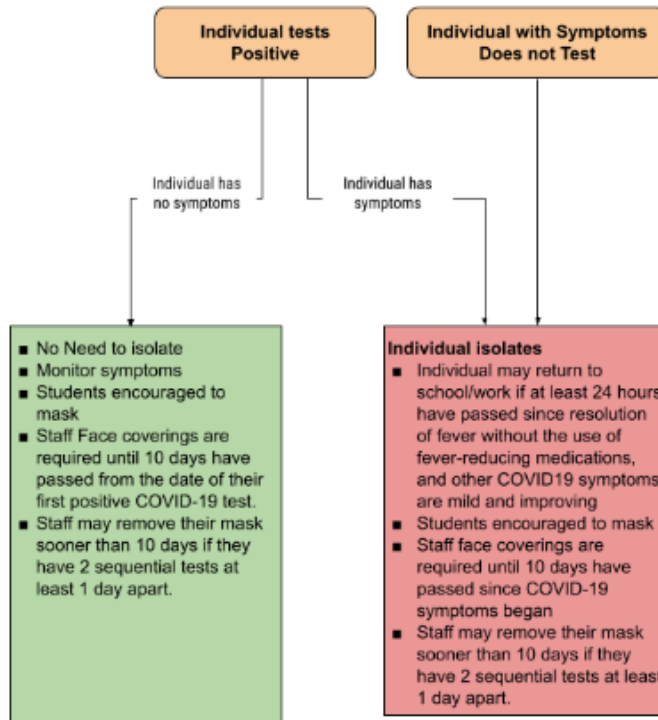| Case	Known As	Steps*	Additional Action	Authority
1 or 2 child/ren or child care staff tests positive with child care site exposure	1 or 2 Cases with Exposure at Childcare Site	• Track case to determine site exposure • **Child** exposures: Notify parent/families of exposure at the site • **Staff** exposures: Provide Individual Exposure Notification to staff • Report within 1 day to CDSS-CCLL with Unusual Incident Report (LIC 624 for centers & LIC 624b for home daycares) • Report test results to CDPH on Primary.health, if test conducted onsite by childcare provider	Exclude the child or staff and track for return date Child or staff must Isolate. Exposed staff must test 3-5 days after exposure	CDSS CalOSHA ETS 3205.1, AB685 CLIA
3 or more cases (children and/or staff) test positive within a 7-day period	Outbreak	• Track cases to determine site exposures • Report all exposures to PH on SPOT • **Child** exposures: Notify parent/families of exposure at the site • **Staff** exposures: Provide Individual Exposure Notification to staff • Report within 1 day to CDSS-CCLL with Unusual Incident Report (LIC 624 for centers & LIC 624b for home daycares • Must continue to report each additional case onsite until no longer in outbreak status • Report test results to CDPH on Primary.health, if test conducted onsite by childcare provider	Exclude individuals, monitor and track for return date Provide employees with Testing, Masks, Review Protocols/ hazards. Exposed staff test 3-5 days after exposure	CDSS CalOSHA ETS Title17 3205.1, AB685 CLIA
3 or more staff test positive within a 7-day period	Outbreak	• Track cases to determine site exposures • Report all exposures to PH on SPOT • **Staff** exposures: Provide Exposure Notification to staff • Notify parent/families of exposure at the site • Report within 1 day to CDSS-CCLL with Unusual Incident Report (LIC 624 for centers & LIC 624b for home daycares • Must continue to report each additional case onsite until no longer in outbreak status • Report test results to CDPH on Primary.health, if test conducted onsite by childcare provider	Exclude individuals, monitor and track for return date Provide employees with Testing, Masks, Review Protocols/ hazards. Exposed staff test 3-5 days after exposure	CDSS CalOSHA ETS Title17 3205.1, AB685 CLIA

PROTOCOLS FOR POSITIVES AND CLOSE CONTACTS

Table 1. Persons Who Should Isolate and Close Contacts

Student who Test Positive for COVID-19 (Isolation) Everyone regardless of vaccination status, previous infection or lack of symptoms.	**Recommended Action** **Stay home if you have COVID-19 symptoms, until you have not had a fever for 24 hours without using fever reducing medication AND other COVID-19 symptoms are mild and improving.** *After ending isolation (no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and symptoms are improving), confirmed cases may remove their mask sooner than Day 10 if they have two sequential negative tests at least one day apart. If antigen test results are positive, the person may still be infectious and should continue wearing a mask and wait at least one day before taking another test.
Staff who Test Positive for COVID-19 (Isolation) Everyone regardless of vaccination status, previous infection or lack of symptoms.	**Required Action** - Exclude from the workplace employees who test positive for COVID-19 and have symptoms until at least 24 hours have passed from the onset of symptoms. Employees may return when 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medication, and symptoms are mild and improving, regardless of vaccination status. - Staff who return to work must wear a face covering indoors for 10 days from the start of symptoms or if the person did not have COVID-19 symptoms, 10 days from the date of their first positive COVID-19 test. - Staff may remove their mask sooner than 10 days if they have 2 sequential tests at least 1 day apart.
Close Contacts **Asymptomatic Student/Adult Who are Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 (No Quarantine)** Everyone, regardless of vaccination status. Persons infected within the prior 30 days do not need to be tested, quarantined, or excluded from work unless symptoms develop.	- Notify all employees and independent contractors who may have had close contact with a COVID-19 case within one business day in a manner that does not reveal the COVID-19 case's personal identifying information. - Offer testing during paid time and at no cost to any employee with a close contact that occurred in the workplace, and provide applicable benefit information. There is an exception for recently recovered COVID-19 cases who remain symptom-free (returned cases).

Outbreak **(three or more COVID-19 cases among employees** in an "exposed group" within a 7-day period)	Exclude COVID-19 cases as well as employees who had close contacts but do not take a COVID-19 test. ● Exclude COVID-19 cases during the "infectious period" as defined above and in the State Public Health Officer Order, as well as employees who had close contact and have COVID-19 symptoms but do not take a COVID-19 test. Specifically, employers must take the following steps: ● Exclude COVID-19 cases during the "infectious period." ● Immediately make COVID-19 testing available to employees within the exposed group, and then again one week later; and continue to make tests available to employees at least weekly until there are one or fewer new COVID-19 cases detected in the exposed group for a 14-day period, per section 3205.1(a)(2). However, an employer need not make testing available to employees who were absent from the workplace during the relevant 14-day period or who recently recovered from COVID-19 and do not have symptoms (returned cases). ● During an outbreak, make COVID-19 testing available to all employees within the exposed group, at least once a week, except for employees who were not at work during the relevant period and symptom-free employees who recently recovered from COVID-19 (returned cases). Employees who refuse to test and have symptoms must be excluded until at least 24 hours have passed from the onset of symptoms. Employees may return when 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever reducing medications, and symptoms are mild and improving. ● In addition, when the excluded employee returns, they must continue to wear a mask for 10 days from symptom onset.
Major Outbreak (20 or more COVID-19 cases in an "exposed group" within a 30-day period)	● Exclude COVID-19 cases during the "infectious period." ● Make COVID-19 testing available to employees in the exposed group, twice per week, except for employees who were not at work during the relevant period and symptom-free employees who recently recovered from COVID-19 (returned cases). Employees who refuse to test and have symptoms, with or without a fever, must be excluded until at least 24 hours have passed from the onset of symptoms. An employee may return when 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever reducing medications, and symptoms are mild and improving. In addition, when the excluded employee returns, they must continue to wear a mask for 10 days from symptom onset. ● Provide respirators to all employees in the exposed group, regardless of vaccination status, to use on a voluntary basis. Employees who do not use a respirator voluntarily must continue to use a face covering. ● Where respirators are not worn, separate employees in the exposed group from other persons by at least six feet except where it is not feasible and except for momentary exposure while persons are in movement.Determine the need for a respiratory protection program (non-voluntary, with fit testing and medical evaluation requirements), or for changes to an existing respiratory protection program under section

| | 5144, to address COVID-19 hazards.feasible and except for momentary exposure while persons are in movement. |
| | ● Determine the need for a respiratory protection program (non-voluntary, with fit testing and medical evaluation requirements), or for changes to an existing respiratory protection program under section 5144, to address COVID-19 hazards. |

TK-12 Students & Staff: General Protocol for Symptoms

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        │  Individual tests   │      │ Individual with Symptoms│
        │     Positive        │      │     Does not Test       │
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         Individual has        Individual has
         no symptoms            symptoms
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Individual tests Positive — Individual has no symptoms:
- No Need to isolate
- Monitor symptoms
- Students encouraged to mask
- Staff Face coverings are required until 10 days have passed from the date of their first positive COVID-19 test.
- Staff may remove their mask sooner than 10 days if they have 2 sequential tests at least 1 day apart.

Individual has symptoms (isolates):

Individual isolates
- Individual may return to school/work if at least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications, and other COVID19 symptoms are mild and improving
- Students encouraged to mask
- Staff face coverings are required until 10 days have passed since COVID-19 symptoms began
- Staff may remove their mask sooner than 10 days if they have 2 sequential tests at least 1 day apart.

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Please refer back to the previous table for the complete steps required for staff during outbreaks