



COVID-19 Response in a School Setting – School Year 2021-2022

In School Related Exposures

- In School Related Exposures are defined as the following (*includes when off campus):
 - Student or Staff on School Grounds
 - Before or After School Programs
 - All Bus Transportation
 - Field Trips*
 - School Sport Teams (athletes and coaches)*
 - Music Band Events*
- Refer to EDC Decision Trees for School Exposure and Isolation/Quarantine Timelines
 - Student/Staff Potential COVID-19 Symptoms or Exposure
 - Unvaccinated Student Exposed to a Positive COVID-19 Case in an Education Institution
 - Vaccinated Student or Staff Positive COVID-19 Case in an Educational Institution

Outside of School Exposures

- If a student or staff are exposed outside the defined as In School Related Exposures, e.g. community, at home, or non-school related activities, notify Public Health
- To report an outside of school exposure, send an email with the completed Outside of School Reporting Form to the EDC Schools team via email - edcschoolscovid19@edcgov.us
- Any cases that involve a student or staff related to an outside of school exposure will be marked as high priority and will be assigned to a Case Investigator.



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School Portal for Outbreak Tracing (SPOT):

- SPOT is **only used** to report In School Related Exposures, as defined above:
- To report an exposure at School, use link below:
 - https://cdph.force.com/SPOT/s/IntakeForm?language=en_US
- For technical issues with SPOT please email Yadira Medrano (Yadira.Medrano@cdph.ca.gov) and Christian Simental (Christian.Simental@edcgov.us).

Testing:

- Urgent Cares, Providers, CVS, Ride Aid
 - <https://www.edcgov.us/Government/hhsa/Pages/EDCCOVID-19-Get-A-Test.aspx>
- Preferred methods of diagnostics test are PCR and Antigen performed by Provider
 - Over the Counter (At Home Test Kit) antigen tests **will not be accepted** in any scenario as a diagnostic test in the evaluation of an individual's status during quarantine

Masking Guidance for K-12 School Year 2021-2022:

- Per [COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year](#) (updated on August 2, 2021) and the [CDPH K-12 Schools Guidance 2021-2022 Questions & Answers](#) (updated on August 6, 2021):
 - Masks are optional outdoors for all in K-12 school settings.
 - K-12 students **are required** to mask indoors, with exemptions per [CDPH facemask guidance](#). Adults in K-12 school settings are required to mask when sharing indoor spaces with students.
 - Persons exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition, must wear a non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it.

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- As per CDPH Guidance on Face Coverings, "persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a mask" as well as "persons who are hearing impaired" are exempt from mask requirements
- Assessing for exemption due to a medical condition, mental health condition, disability that prevents wearing a mask, or hearing impairment is a medical determination and therefore must be made by a physician, nurse practitioner, or other licensed medical professional practicing under the license of a physician. Self-attestation and parental attestation for mask exemptions due to the aforementioned conditions do not constitute medical determinations
 - Schools must develop and implement local protocols to provide a face covering to students who inadvertently fail to bring a face covering to school to prevent unnecessary exclusions
 - Any medical exemptions received are to be shared with Public Health via email
 - Exemptions will be uploaded by Case Investigators to be put on file
 - Although not in these guidelines, it is mandated that those in day care setting also abide by the [Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings](#) (updated 7/28/21).

Housekeeping Items:

- Preferred method of contact: email (edcschoolscovid19@edcgov.us)
 - Please reply ALL to keep everyone updated
- Do not share El Dorado County school liaison or case investigator contact information (email and/or phone numbers) with parents
- Allow 2 days for case investigators and/or contact tracers to begin an investigation, sometimes longer
- Communicate directly with the case investigator once contact has been made
- Refer to the most recent School Guidelines from CDPH on the **Safe Schools for All Hub**:
 - <https://schools.covid19.ca.gov/>

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