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*What measures should be taken when a student, teacher or staff member has symptoms, is a contact of someone infected, or is diagnosed with COVID-19?*

	Student or Staff with:	Action	Communication
1.	COVID-19 Symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, difficulty breathing)  Symptom Screening: Per CA School Sector Specific Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send home</li> <li>Recommend testing (If positive, see #3, if negative, see #4)</li> <li>School/classroom remain open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Action needed</li> </ul>
2.	Close contact (+) with a confirmed COVID-19 case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send home</li> <li>Quarantine for 14 days from last exposure</li> <li>Recommend testing (but will not shorten 14-day quarantine)</li> <li>School/classroom remain open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider school community notification of a known contact</li> </ul>
3.	Confirmed COVID-19 case infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notify the local public health department</li> <li>Isolate case and exclude from school for 10 days from symptom onset or test date</li> <li>Identify contacts (+), quarantine &amp; exclude exposed contacts (likely entire cohort (++) for 14 days after the last date the case was present at school while infectious)</li> <li>Recommend testing of contacts, prioritize symptomatic contacts (but will not shorten 14-day quarantine)</li> <li>Disinfection and cleaning of classroom and primary spaces where case spent significant time</li> <li>School remains open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School community notification of a known case</li> </ul>
4.	Tests negative after symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May return to school 3 days after symptoms resolve</li> <li>School/classroom remain open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider school community notification if prior awareness of testing</li> </ul>





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(†) A contact is defined as a person who is <6 feet from a case for >15 minutes. In some school situations, it may be difficult to determine whether individuals have met this criterion and an entire cohort, classroom, or other group may need to be considered exposed, particularly if people have spent time together indoors.

(††) A cohort is a stable group with fixed membership that stays together for all courses and activities (e.g., lunch, recess, etc.) and avoids contact with other persons or cohorts.

### Guidance on School Closure

*What are the criteria for closing a school?*

Individual school closure is recommended based on the number of cases, the percentage of the teacher/students/staff that are positive for COVID-19, and following consultation with the Local Health Officer. Individual school closure may be appropriate when there are multiple cases in multiple cohorts at a school or when at least 5 percent of the total number of teachers/student/staff are cases within a 14-day period, depending on the size and physical layout of the school.

The Local Health Officer may also determine school closure is warranted for other reasons, including results from public health investigation or other local epidemiological data.

*If a school is closed for in-person learning, when may it reopen?*

Schools may typically reopen after 14 days and the following have occurred:

- Cleaning and disinfection
- Public health investigation
- Consultation with the local public health department

*What are the criteria for closing a school district?*



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A superintendent should close a school district if 25% or more of schools in a district have closed due to COVID-19 within 14 days, and in consultation with the local public health department.

*If a school district is closed, when may it reopen?*

Districts may typically reopen after 14 days, in consultation with the local public health department.

### **State Resources for Case, Contact & Outbreak Investigations**

California is committed to supporting local health departments with resources and other technical assistance regarding school case, contact, and outbreak investigations.

