

PROTOCOL FOR COVID-19 EXPOSURE MANAGEMENT PLAN

A designated School COVID-19 Compliance Task Force is responsible for establishing and enforcing all COVID-19 safety protocols and ensuring that staff and students receive education about COVID-19. Claudia Krikorian is the designated COVID-19 Compliance Officer who serves as a liaison to DPH for sharing site-level information to facilitate public health action.

The School will follow guidance set forth by the DPH for persons who have not been tested yet for COVID-19 but screen positive for symptoms prior to school entry or while at school and their contacts at school.

Any student who has symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or is quarantined because of exposure to a case will follow Home Isolation Instructions and revert to distance learning rather than in-person schooling.

Claudia Krikorian will inform the case that DPH will contact them directly through the DPH Case and Contact Investigation Program to collect additional information.

Claudia Krikorian will notify DPH of any employees and/or children with confirmed COVID-19 who were on campus at any point within the 14 days prior to the illness onset date and any persons on campus who were exposed to the infected person during the infectious period.

A case is considered to be infectious from 2 days before their symptoms first appeared until the time they are no longer required to be isolated (i.e., no fever for at least 24 hours without the use of medicine and at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.) A person with a positive COVID-19 test but no symptoms is considered infectious from 2 days before their test was taken until 10 days after their test. A person is considered to have been exposed to a case during the infectious period if at least one of the following criteria are met:

Being within 6 feet of the infected person for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period:

Having had unprotected contact with the infected person (e.g., being coughed or sneezed on, sharing utensils or saliva, or not wearing a face mask).

Exposures will be reviewed to assess which persons need to quarantine including the possibility of quarantining all individuals in the same cohort.

Secure online reporting is done on a computer via the web application:

<http://www.redcap.link/lacdph.eduaactionsector.covidreport>.

Students and employees that are identified to have had an exposure to the case at school are notified by the School Compliance Task Force via email, text, or telephone.

Students and employees with an exposure to the case should test for COVID-19, whether or not they have symptoms, and inform the school of test results. This will determine the extent of disease spread at the school and serve as a basis for further control measures.

Exposed students and employees should self-quarantine and monitor for symptoms for 10 days from their last contact with the case while infectious, even if they receive a negative test result

during their quarantine period. If they remain asymptomatic, they are released from quarantine after Day 10. A person who tests negative may subsequently develop the disease if tested during the incubation period (the time period between exposure and disease onset).

NOTE: Vaccinated persons who 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series or 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single dose vaccine and who are a close contact to a confirmed case are not required to quarantine and test for COVID-19 if they have remained asymptomatic since the last contact with the infected person.

If identifying 2 confirmed cases within a 14-day period, the school will follow the required steps for 1 confirmed case. The School Compliance Task Force will determine whether the 2 cases are epidemiologically linked. If epidemiological links do not exist, the school will continue with routine exposure management. If epidemiological links exist, the school will quarantine the entire cohort for 10 days from their last contact with the infectious case.

If the school identifies a cluster of 3 or more confirmed cases within a 14-day period, the cluster will immediately be reported to DPH via the secure online reporting method. DPH will review the submitted information to determine whether the outbreak criteria have been met and will notify the school within 1 business day regarding the next steps.

If outbreak criteria are not met, DPH will advise the school to continue with routine exposure management.

If outbreak criteria are met, DPH will notify the school that an outbreak investigation has been activated and a public health investigator will communicate directly with the school to coordinate the outbreak response.