

The site/school COVID-19 Compliance Team is responsible for responding to potential cases of COVID-19. The following table provides guidance for when a student or employee has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, tests positive for COVID-19, or has exposure to a suspected/ confirmed case of COVID-19. This guide should be used in conjunction with the LACDPH [Protocol for COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan](#).

	Immediate Steps	Next Steps	When Can They Return?*
<p>Individual Has Tested Positive for COVID-19</p> <p>Molecular test (PCR) is the only accepted test for COVID-19 infection. *Antibody test is not an accepted test for COVID-19 infection.</p> <p>And / Or Individual Has Symptoms Consistent with COVID-19</p> <p>Child symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever ≥ 100.4°F • New cough (different from baseline cough) • Diarrhea/ vomiting • Shortness of breath <p>Adult symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever ≥ 100.4°F • Chills, sweating • New cough (different from baseline cough) • Shortness of breath • Muscle/body aches • Diarrhea/ vomiting • New loss of taste or smell 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Send home</u> and provide SMMUSD notification letter including Isolation Instructions to the individual or student's parent/guardian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In school: Call Triage / Health Office. Student waits in isolation room for immediate parent pickup. Staff goes directly home. • At entry screening: Do not allow entry. Student waits at entry holding area for immediate parent pickup. • At home: Stay home 2. <u>Refer to medical provider:</u> Instruct staff person or student's parent/guardian to consult medical provider for further evaluation and/or COVID-19 testing (Testing Sites) 3. <u>Immediately notify the site's Covid-19 Compliance Team</u> (School Nurse/ HOS, Admin/Admin Assistant) 4. <u>If case is confirmed, quarantine the entire classroom/cohort.</u> (Classroom/cohort does not need to quarantine unless confirmed.) 5. <u>Cleaning and disinfection.</u> Notify M&O at 310-450-8338 for cleaning and disinfection of affected areas by trained custodian. Refer to custodial protocols. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual remains on home isolation until cleared by School Nurse • Notify DPH of cases who were at school within 14 days before becoming ill • <u>Contact tracing:</u> Covid-19 Compliance Team conducts contact tracing to identify exposed individuals, defined as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 6 feet of the person for a total of ≥15 minutes over a 24 hour period, or • Had direct contact with bodily fluids/secretions, or • Is a member of an exposed classroom or cohort • Infectious period starts 2 days prior to individual's symptom onset, or 2 days prior to positive test if individual does not have symptoms. • Submits Line List to DPH within 1 business day. • See below "Individual Has Been Exposed" guidance. • <u>Additional notification</u> may be provided to inform the wider school community about the school case(s) and precautions being taken to prevent COVID-19 spread. If a <i>confirmed</i> case was present on a SMMUSD site during the infectious period, HR will notify employees and contractors who were present at the site during the infectious period. • <u>If epidemiological links</u> exist between 2 or more confirmed cases, the school reinforces messages to students and employees on precautions to take to prevent spread at the school, including implementation of specific interventions. • A cluster of ≥3 epidemiologically linked cases within 14 days will be reported to DPH within 1 business day: ACDC-Education@ph.lacounty.gov or (888) 397-3993 or (213) 240-7821. DPH to coordinate possible outbreak response. Any outbreak within a school group requires school closure for 14 days. District will investigate and implement changes to the workplace as needed. • <u>HR to report immediately to Cal/OSHA</u> any COVID-19-related serious illness or death of an employee occurring at a SMMUSD site or in connection with their employment. 	<p>*All individuals returning to school following isolation or quarantine require School Nurse clearance before returning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>If COVID-19 test is positive,</u> individual must stay home until 10 days have passed since symptom onset AND be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication AND symptoms have improved. Individual testing positive without symptoms may return after 10 days from date of positive test. • <u>If no COVID-19 test is taken,</u> individual must stay home until 10 days have passed since symptom onset AND be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication AND symptoms have improved • <u>An employee or student may return from isolation prior to 10 days only if the following is provided to the nurse in writing:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A note from their health care provider stating the individual does not have Covid-19 and the alternative diagnosis, and • Documentation of a negative Covid-19 PCR test. AND • Individual is fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication

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<p>Individual Has Been Exposed to a Person with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 6 feet of a confirmed case for a total of ≥15 minutes over a 24 hour period, or • Had direct contact with bodily fluids/secretions, or • Member of an exposed classroom or cohort at the school 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Send exposed individual(s) home</u> if case is confirmed. If case is not confirmed, contacts do not need to be sent home. Provide SMMUSD notification letter including Quarantine Instructions. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. In school: Student waits in designated quarantine area for immediate parent pickup. Staff goes directly home. If the exposed individuals are the classmates / cohort mates of a case, classmates should remain in their classroom until pickup. b. At entry screening: Do not allow entry. Student waits at entry holding area for immediate parent pickup. c. At home: Stay home 2. <u>Immediately notify the site's Covid-19 Compliance Team</u> (School Nurse/ HOS, Admin/Admin Assistant) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Individual remains in quarantine</u> until cleared by School Nurse • <u>Notification letter</u> is provided to confirmed exposed staff member / student's parent with the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarantine Instructions • Testing: Individual instructed to be tested for COVID-19 whether or not they have symptoms. (Testing Sites) • Individual may be contacted by DPH to collect information and provide quarantine order • If individual is an employee, they should contact HR who will provide Covid-19 leave benefit information. 	<p>*All individuals returning to school following isolation or quarantine require School Nurse clearance before returning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any individual who had exposure to a confirmed case must remain in quarantine for 10 days from last exposure to infected person, but must continue to monitor their health and strictly adhere to COVID-19 prevention precautions through Day 14. • <u>If exposed individual tests positive for COVID-19</u>, follow guidance above for "Individual Has Tested Positive for COVID-19" • <u>If symptoms develop in the exposed individual</u> during quarantine, follow guidance above for "Individual Has Symptoms Consistent with COVID-19"

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Provide mental health resources:

- LA County Department of Mental Health's [COVID-19 webpage](#)
- [211LA webpage](#) for local resources
- CDC webpage [Coping with stress](#)
- [Headspace Plus](#)
- LA County Department of Mental Health Access Center 24/7 Helpline 1-800-854-7771
- For help finding healthcare, call LA County Info Line at 2-1-1, available 24/7