STUDENT WITH NEW SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS
Students with symptoms of illness should stay home and test for COVID-19.
- If test is negative, may return if at least 24 hours have passed since fever and symptoms have improved significantly.
- If test is positive, stay at home for 5 days. Isolation can end after Day 5 if symptoms are not present or are resolving and a diagnostic specimen collected on Day 5 or later tests negative. Consistent use of a well fitted face mask while indoors at school is strongly recommended through Day 10. If unable to test or choosing not to test, and symptoms are not present or are resolving, isolation can end after Day 10.

STUDENT EXPOSED TO PERSON WITH COVID-19 AT SCHOOL
Parents/Caregivers should be notified of the potential exposure. The student may continue to attend school as long as they do not develop symptoms of illness. Recommend the individual test for COVID-19 5 days after the exposure.

STUDENT EXPOSED TO PERSON WITH COVID-19 IN A NON-SCHOOL SETTING
The student may continue to attend school as long as they do not develop symptoms of illness. Recommend the student test for COVID-19 5 days after the exposure.

STUDENTS WHO HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 IN THE PAST 90 DAYS
Asymptomatic students that have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days are not required to quarantine or test for COVID-19 in response to a new COVID-19 exposure. However, if a child develops new symptoms after being exposed to COVID-19, they should isolate and test.

CONTINUOUS HOUSEHOLD EXPOSURE (PERSON LIVES WITH SOMEONE WITH COVID-19)
If a student lives with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19:
- If fully vaccinated (regardless of booster status), the student may continue to attend school as long as they do not develop symptoms of illness. The student should test for COVID-19 5 days after initial exposure.
- If not fully vaccinated, the student should quarantine. The quarantine period for the student can end at the completion of the isolation period for the last positive case in the household if close contact is asymptomatic and has a negative COVID-19 test.

CLASSROOM EXPERIENCES 3 OR MORE CASES OF COVID-19 WITHIN A TWO WEEK PERIOD
If a classroom/team/group has three or more cases of COVID-19 within a two week period, please contact us at schoolcict@solanocounty.com for further recommendations.
COVID-19 Decision Tree for K-12 Schools

Student or staff has NEW symptoms of illness.

Excluded from school. If no test or alternative diagnosis, exclude for 10 days from symptom onset.

Test* for COVID-19.

EITHER

POSITIVE

ISOLATION:
Individual must isolate at home. Isolation can end 5 days after symptom onset if:
- at least 24 hours have passed since fever and symptoms have improved significantly
- individual tests negative (preferably antigen) with specimen collected on or after Day 5
- individual consistently wears a well-fitted face mask while indoors at school through Day 10 (strongly recommended for students; required for staff, per Cal/OSHA).

If unable to test, choose not to test, or positive test on or after Day 5, individual may return 10 days after symptom onset (Day 11).

CONTACT NOTIFICATION:
Notify likely contacts (students/teachers in shared classes/spaces, athletic/club teammates, etc.) of possible exposure to someone with COVID-19.

STUDENTS:
Recommend likely contacts monitor for symptoms of illness and test for COVID-19.

STAFF:
Contacts must follow CDPH Quarantine Guidance as required by Cal/OSHA.

NEGATIVE

Receive an alternative named diagnosis from a health care provider.

May return to school if at least 24 hours have passed since fever and symptoms have improved significantly.

If no test or alternative diagnosis, exclude for 10 days from symptom onset. May return on Day 11 if at least 24 hours have passed since fever and symptoms have improved significantly.

* PCR or rapid antigen test are acceptable. Asymptomatic individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 are not required to re-test for 90 days following their initial infection. However, if individuals develop new symptoms following a COVID-19 exposure, they should isolate and test.

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