

Stanislaus County School Reopening

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Where We Started

Before COVID-19

- Relationship was periodic – back to school vaccines, some teen pregnancy work, occasional presentation by PH on emerging issues, CD Taskforce
- PHO over EpiPen program for all the schools
- Worked with some Superintendents in Cradle to Career or First 5 projects
- Knew few main people in school nursing

Start of COVID-19

- End of January – updated County Office of Education on risk of COVID-19
- End of February – met with school nursing leadership for pandemic planning
- Beginning of March – began meeting with school Superintendents
- March involved almost daily contact until the schools were closed with the governors stay at home order
- Established a School Liaisons (non-clinical)

Summer into Fall

Preparing for School to Start

- In July 2020, published School Reopening Guidance
- Mid-August started School Mitigation Team
 - School Nurses, Superintendents, and administrative staff
 - Focus on what schools needed in place to bring students back
 - Developed resources, TA
- Developed StanTrack for reporting
- Waiver Applications!
 - Read, re-write, read, call sup, submit to State
 - All schools submitted waiver applications
 - All but one opened under waiver or while in Red the first time

Get Help

Call for Medical Help if you or your child get more sick or have any questions!

Call 911 if you or your child have:

- Trouble breathing
- Pain or pressure in your chest
- Trouble waking up
- Blue lips or face
- Or any symptom that worries you



Tell the person who answers the 911 call you think you or your child might have COVID-19.

Get Tested

OptumServe: In-Office Testing

To sign-up visit:
www.lhi.care/covidtesting

Or call:
(888) 634-1123

SPREAD FACTS, NOT GERMS

For most current COVID-19
information, visit

schsa.org/corona-virus/testing

STAY HOME STAY SAFE

In Quarantine

Dear parent,

Your child is being sent home to quarantine.

Quarantine began on
DATE _____

Your child may return to school on
DATE _____

Please call your doctor and let the school know if your child develops symptoms.

Why Should My Child Quarantine?

How To Quarantine

- Keep your child at home
- Stay home even if your child tests negative for COVID-19
- Have your child wear a face covering when around other people
- Call your child's health care provider if they get sick
- Tell their health care provider that they are on quarantine
- Keep your child away from people who are 65 years and older or have other health problems
- Don't have visitors
- Do not share personal items such as dishes, towels, and bedding

How To Stay Healthy

Symptoms of COVID-19



Temperature higher than 100.4 F



Cough



Shortness of breath



Mild, Cold like symptoms



Body aches



Headache



Loss of taste or smell



Diarrhea



Sore throat



Vomiting



Chills



Runny nose

Notification, Documentation and Contact Tracing for Schools

Using Public Health Absentee and COVID-19 Case Reporting System

Stanislaus County Public Health has built a web-based system to track student absentee data as well as student and staff COVID-19 cases. The tracking of aggregate absentee data will allow Public Health (PH) to monitor trends and observe spikes in absenteeism which may indicate a communicable disease outbreak which may, or may not be, related to COVID-19. The system also allows input of individual known COVID-19 cases. In most situations the school will likely be aware of positive cases before PH is. This is due to lab reporting delays to PH and the fact that people are inclined to notify their place of employment or schools as soon as they hear they have a positive result. Inputting information into the web-based system will trigger staff from PH who will reach out to the school to assist with contact tracing and quarantining.

The system has three levels of access. The Superintendents will need to identify people for each level of access and submit the contact information to [Linda Montalvo](#) and [Julie Falkenstein](#).

- 1) Attendance clerk level – this allows access for daily input of absentee data; can only see the school(s) they are assigned to.
- 2) COVID-19 Point of Contact (POC) – access to all absentee data as well as all COVID-19 information at the school(s) they are assigned to.
- 3) District COVID-19 – allows access to all absentee data as well as all COVID-19 data across the entire school district.

When a COVID-19 case is entered into the system an alert is sent to public health nurse (PHN) who are working with the schools. They will reach out to the schools POC for COVID.

Information that will be needed includes:

- 1) Student: name, date of birth, and contact information for other students and adults in the cohort with the case. If the class has gone to another area of the school (i.e. Library) in the two days before symptom onset or testing, then the contact information for those individuals will also be needed.
- 2) Adult: children in cohort with whom the adult works. If the adult does not work with

Fall into Spring

Business as Normal

- Schools Team at the County ranges from 2 people to 4ish
 - Nurse, Medical Investigators, Admin Clerk
- Weekly School Mitigation meetings
- Meeting with Superintendents weekly or every other week
- Seating chart based quarantine

Assessment to Determine Quarantine Method for TK-12 School Exposure

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This document is intended to assist schools in seating chart-based case investigation and quarantine. It applies to all grades, TK-12. Any questions should be directed to the school's team at 558-5052 or Julie Falkenstein at 402-5907.

If the answers to #1 and #2 are YES and #3 and #4 are NO, then proceed to Action A.

1) Are the following required school mitigation practices currently in place?

Yes **No** If NO, then follow [Action E](#).

School Mitigation Practices Currently in Place

Required

- Masks are consistently used (no mask breaks).
- Students are always observed, including throughout lunch, passing periods, recess, pickup/drop off, and bus stops.
- Seating charts are used and there is no mixing in the classroom.
- The ventilation has been maximized in all affected classrooms.
 - Window/door open, fan in window in "exhaust" mode blowing air from in the room, outside and pulling clean air into the room (if possible)
 - HVAC system uses the highest possible MERV filter based on the existing system, fan is running continuously, outdoor air brought into the system is maximized (if possible)
- Spacing between desks is at least 4 feet

Additional best practices (not required)

- Portable Air Cleaner (HEPA air filter) being used per [CalOSHA / CDPH guidelines](#)
- Surveillance testing of students and staff

Except When It's Not

- Youth Sports
- Private Club Sports
- Who talks and who doesn't!
- School board meetings
- Public Schools that act like they're private schools

Higher Education

Modesto Junior College, CSU Stanislaus

- MJC
 - Attends weekly school mitigation meetings
 - Wants TA and sign off on plans
- CSU Stanislaus
 - Wants sign off on plans
 - Got involved when vaccinations started, host a Mass Vax Clinic