COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Learning Flowchart

Student or Staff with:
Close contact* to a confirmed COVID-19 case

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Send home

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Quarantine for 14 days from last exposure

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Recommend testing *(but will not shorten 14-day quarantine)*

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School/classroom remain open

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Consider school community notification of a known contact

Student or Staff who:
Screen for symptoms

Per CA School Sector Specific Guidelines 🔗

Student or Staff with:
COVID-19 Symptoms

(e.g., fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, difficulty breathing)

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Send home

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Recommend testing

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School/classroom remain open

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No public communication needed

IF NEGATIVE →

IF POSITIVE →

Student or Staff who:
Tests negative after symptoms

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May return to school 3 days after symptoms resolve

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School/classroom remain open

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Consider school community notification if prior awareness of testing

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Student or Staff with:
Confirmed COVID-19 case infection

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Notify the local public health department

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Isolate case & exclude from school for 10 days from symptom onset or test date

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Identify contacts*, quarantine & exclude exposed contacts (likely entire cohort**) for 14 days after the last date the case was present at school while infectious

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Recommend testing *(but will not shorten 14-day quarantine)*

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Disinfection and cleaning of classroom and primary spaces where case spent significant time

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School remains open

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School community notification of a known case

(*) 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.