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Public Comment - Group 5

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From: County Executive Office
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 10:56 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: FW: Los Angeles Public Health- TK-12 modified quarantine plan
Attachments: County of LA- ExposureManagementPlan_K12Schools.pdf; Pages from LA Public Health pathway-2.pdf



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Subject: Los Angeles Public Health- TK-12 modified quarantine plan

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Attached are the LA public health instructions for a modified quarantine plan for TK- 12 (note this IS including TK) also note page 4 the modified quarantine plan.

Thank you,
Kjersti Powell

test results. Testing resources include: **School Testing Programs**, Employee Health Services or Occupational Health Services, Student Health Center, Personal Healthcare Providers, LA City and County Testing Sites: covid19.lacounty.gov/testing, and [Community-Based Testing Sites](#) (local health centers and pharmacies). Individuals who need assistance finding a medical provider can call the LA County Information line 2-1-1, which is available 24/7.

- *Optional Modified Quarantine for TK-12 Students.* Modified quarantine allows asymptomatic students, under self-quarantine orders, who were exposed to a person with diagnosed COVID-19 in any school setting where students are supervised by school staff (indoors, outdoors, or on a school buses) to continue in-person academic activities that are part of the regular school curriculum and provided during school hours. An asymptomatic student under self-quarantine orders may be approved for modified quarantine if specific criteria outlined below are met. If these criteria cannot be met, then the exposed student must remain in [home quarantine](#) as outlined above.
 - (1) The exposure was to a person with a COVID-19 diagnoses in any school setting where students are supervised by school staff (indoors, outdoors, or on school buses).
 - (2) The exposed student remains asymptomatic.
 - (3) The exposed student AND the person with a COVID-19 diagnosis MUST have each worn a mask consistently and correctly during the entire exposure period. This includes any outdoor exposures. Prior to applying modified quarantine, verification is required of mask-to-mask exposure between the person with a COVID-19 diagnosis and the exposed student. School Administrators must keep records of this verification and provide to Public Health upon request.
 - (4) The exposed student is not part of a TK-12 outbreak. Due to the high rate of secondary transmission in outbreaks, students with an outbreak exposure must fully quarantine at home. They may be released after Day 5, if they have a negative viral test result from a specimen collected on Day 5 from the date of last exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case in the outbreak, provided they remain without symptoms. **Note: in outbreak sites, the quarantine period may be extended by Public Health for additional days to help control transmission risk.**
 - (5) Students under modified quarantine are still subject to the [Health Officer Quarantine Order](#) and must stay at home for the duration of quarantine, except for in-person instruction.
 - (6) Students under modified quarantine are required to wear a mask indoors and outdoors and on school buses, while at school. The exception is for eating and drinking, where they must be at least 6 feet away from other students and preferably outdoors.
 - (7) Students under modified quarantine must be tested twice a week using an FDA-authorized viral COVID-19 test (e.g., PCR or Antigen) in a healthcare setting or certified testing site **or an FDA-authorized Over-the-Counter test.** It is **strongly** recommended that the first test specimen be collected immediately after being notified of the exposure and the second test specimen be collected on Day 5 from the date of last exposure. Students may be released from quarantine after Day 5 from the date of last exposure if a test specimen is collected on Day 5, the test is negative, and the student remains without symptoms. **Even if released from quarantine after Day 5, exposed students must continue to monitor their health and**

mask at all times (indoors, outdoors, and on school buses) for 10 days from the date of last exposure. If symptoms develop, the student should test using an FDA-authorized viral COVID-19 test and stay home. If the test is positive, follow Home Isolation Instructions for COVID-19 (ph.lacounty.gov/covidisolation).

- (8) It is strongly recommended that unvaccinated, asymptomatic individuals who are NOT identified as close contacts but who were present in a school classroom or school activity with a confirmed case be tested weekly for two weeks (14 days) following the date of last exposure in the classroom/activity. If capacity allows, consider also testing asymptomatic, fully vaccinated individuals that were present in the school classroom/activity with a confirmed case but were not close contacts.
- Recommended:* School Compliance Officer will determine whether additional notification is needed to inform the wider school community about the school exposure and precautions being taken to prevent spread of COVID-19. A general notification letter template is available at: [COVID-19 Template Notification Letters for Education Settings \(Template #2\)](#).

Exposure Management for 2 COVID-19 Cases at School within a 14-day Period

- Required:* After identifying 2 confirmed cases within a 14-day period, the school follows the *required* steps for 1 confirmed case.
- Required:* School Compliance Officer consults with Public Health to determine whether the 2 cases are epidemiologically linked, meaning that the two affected individuals were both present at some point in the same setting during the same time period while either or both were infectious.* Schools should contact DPH for assistance in determining whether cases are epidemiologically linked by emailing ACDC-Education@ph.lacounty.gov or by calling the TK-12 School COVID-19 Case Reporting Call Center.

**A case is considered to be infectious from 2 days before symptoms first appeared until they are no longer required to be isolated (i.e., no fever for at least 24 hours without the use of medicine that reduces fever AND other symptoms have improved AND at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared). A person with a positive COVID-19 test but no symptoms is considered to be infectious from 2 days before their test was taken until 10 days after their test.*

Determination of epidemiological links between cases may require further investigation to assess exposure history and identify all possible locations and persons that may have been exposed to the case while infectious at the site. NOTE: Epidemiologically linked cases include persons with identifiable connections to each other such as sharing a physical space (e.g., in a classroom, school event, sports team, other extracurricular activities, school transportation, office site), indicating a higher likelihood of linked spread of disease in that setting rather than sporadic transmission from the broader community. If epidemiological links exist, DPH will advise the school on important steps to take and communications to students and employees on precautions to take to prevent further spread at the school, including implementation of site- specific interventions for infection control.

Exposure Management for ≥ 3 COVID-19 Cases at School within a 14-day Period

- Required:* If the school identifies a cluster of 3 or more confirmed cases within a 14-day period, the school should proceed with the following steps:
- Report the cluster immediately to DPH by calling the TK-12 School COVID-19 Case

Symptom and Quarantine Decision Pathways in Early Childhood Education Centers and TK-12 Schools

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

Updated: 1/5/2022

**Quarantine Pathways for Children and Staff with Exposures at Early
Education Centers and TK-12 Schools**

Identifying Exposures On Campus - Close Contacts to a Confirmed Case

A **close contact** is a person who has been exposed to someone diagnosed with COVID-19 during the period* if **at least one** of the following has occurred:

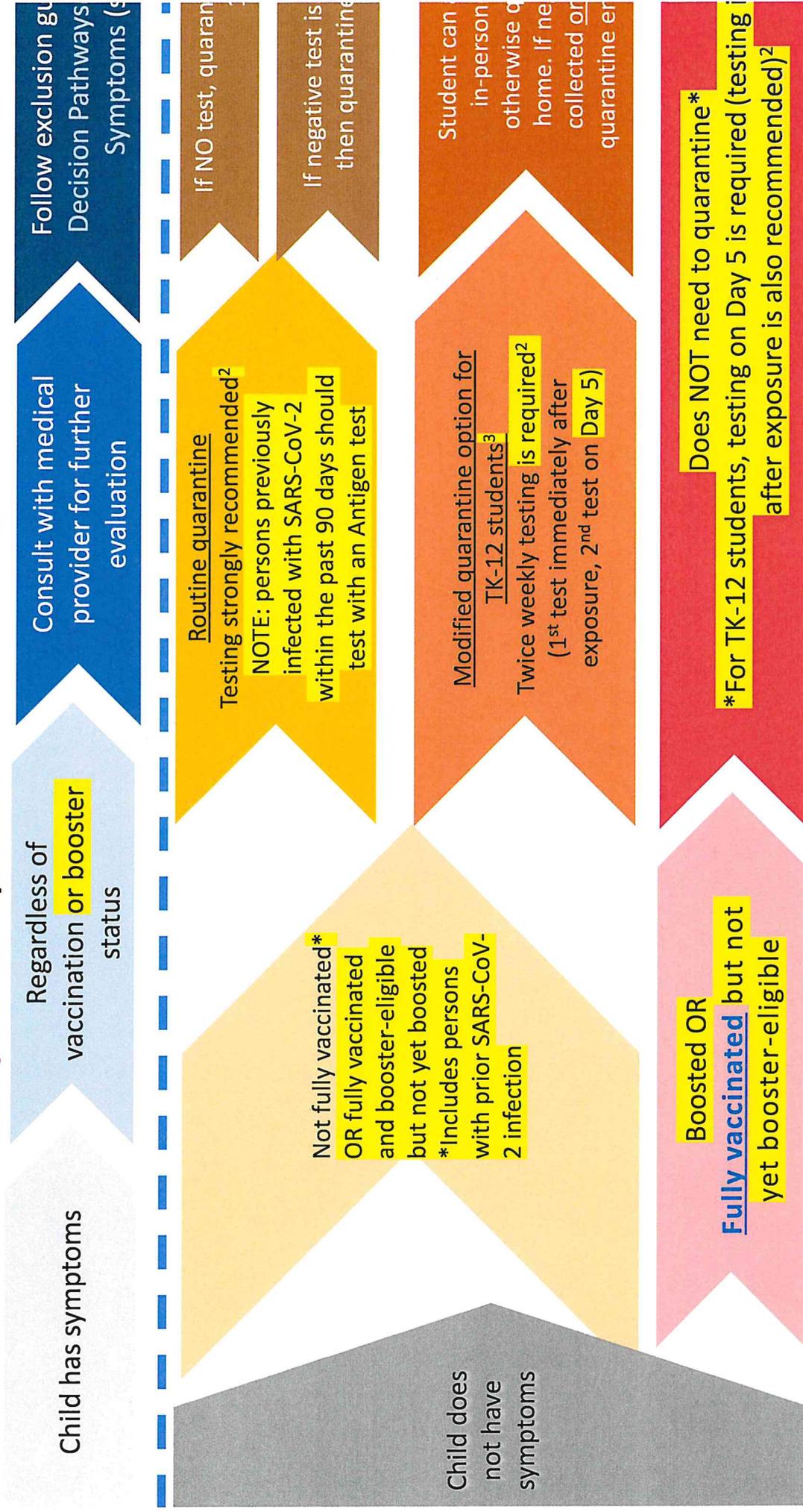
- The person was within 6 feet of someone with COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a period of 24 hours.

OR

- The person had unprotected contact with body fluids and/or secretions from someone with COVID-19. For example, they were coughed or sneezed on, they shared a drinking cup or eating utensils, they kissed someone, or they provided care to the infected person without wearing the right protective equipment.
- A person is considered to be **infectious** and able to spread the virus to others from 2 days before symptoms first started until 10 days have passed since symptoms first started AND no fever for at least 24 hours after symptoms improve; OR, if symptoms never develop, from 2 days before their positive test was taken until 10 days after the test was taken.

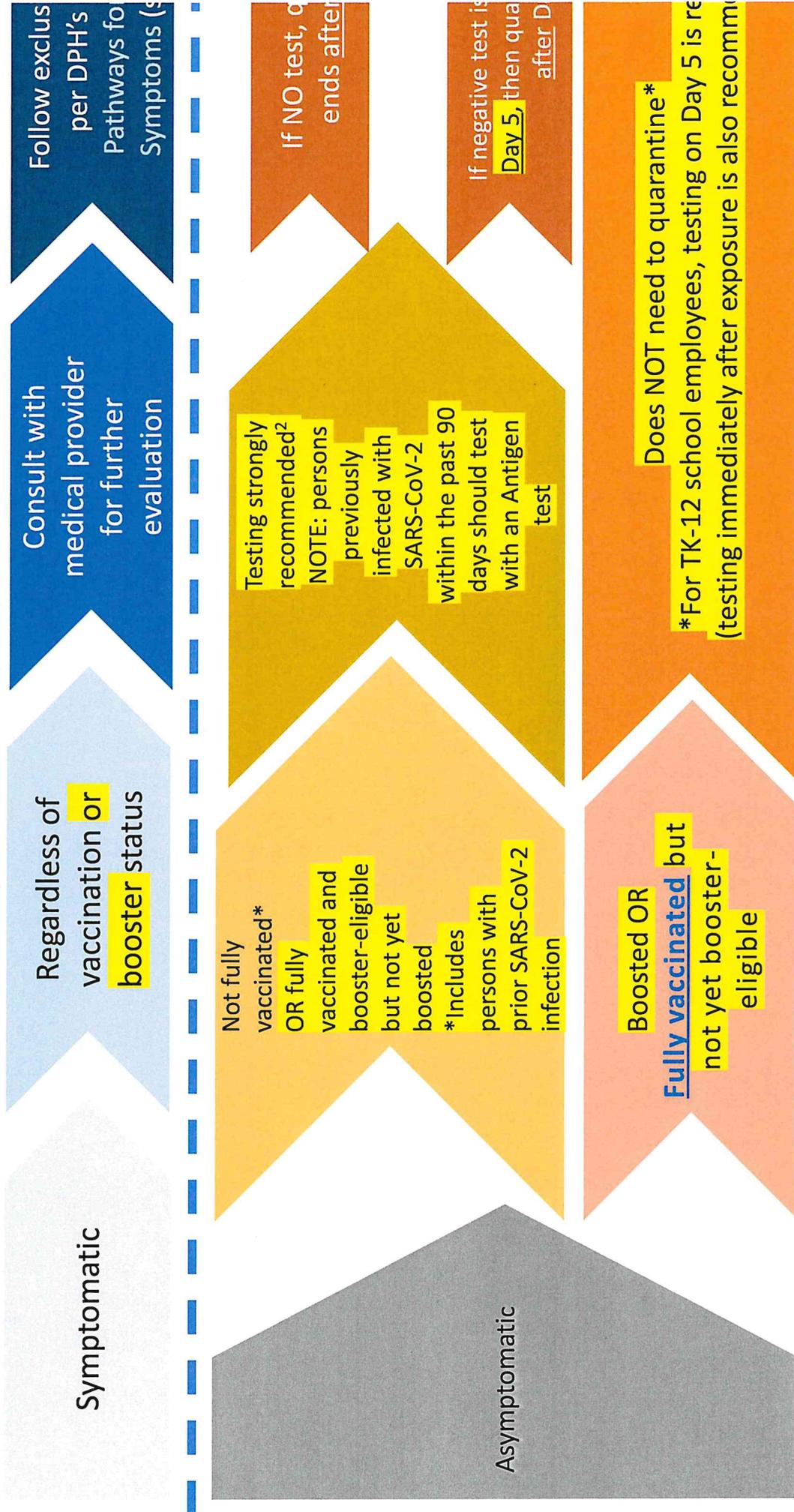
NOTE: a person should not be considered a close contact unless the program is reasonably sure that the person meets the definition above. Individuals should not be considered a close contact solely because they were present in a classroom or school group as an infected person. If a program cannot determine who is a close contact, the program should contact Public health for technical assistance.

Quarantine Pathway For Exposed Children¹



¹Follows Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Home Quarantine Guidance. ²Testing: A COVID-19 diagnostic viral test, including a nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT, such as PCR) or CoV-2, that is collected and performed in a healthcare setting or certified testing site, or an FDA-authorized Over-the-Counter test may be used. If the Over-the-Counter test used and is positive, presumed to have COVID-19 and should follow Home Isolation Guidance. ³Modified quarantine applies only to TK-12 school students who had a school exposure. Criteria for modified quarantine Exposure Management Plan. ⁴There are some people who should not wear a mask, such as children younger than 24 months. Children ages 2 to 8 should wear a mask only when under adult supervision. not wear a mask and Special considerations for persons with communication difficulties or certain disabilities.

Quarantine Pathway for Exposed Employees¹



¹Follows Los Angeles County Department of Public Health [Home Quarantine Guidance](#) which allows employees to return to work as soon as they have cleared quarantine, which may be based on Cal/OSHA's criteria for return-to-work. ²Testing: A COVID-19 diagnostic viral test, including a nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT, such as PCR) or an Antigen test for SARS-CoV-2, that is performed in a healthcare setting or certified testing site, or an FDA-authorized Over-the-Counter test used and is positive. If the Over-the-Counter test used and is positive, the individual should be presymptomatic and should follow [Home Isolation Guidance](#). ³There are some people who should not wear a mask. See [Who should not wear a mask](#) and [Special considerations for persons with certain disabilities](#).

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Washington DC is now implementing test-to-stay for preschool. Please see the article below. All I am asking you to do is let kids who are healthy remain in school, kids who are sick stay home. School, even preschool is essential, and when you send healthy kids home to quarantine for 5 days at a time, parents are not able to go to work. We have a shortage of nurses, teachers etc and some of that is due to them having to be home with their healthy kids while they quarantine!

<https://wtop.com/dc/2022/01/dc-to-offer-pre-k-and-kindergarten-kids-covid-tests-plans-to-implement-test-to-stay/>

In addition, Grant said D.C. was moving forward with a plan to launch a test-to-stay program in the coming weeks.

“Our test-to-stay program will allow students who have identified as close contacts, who are not fully vaccinated, the ability to take a series of rapid COVID-19 tests during their isolation period. If these tests return negative, the student can remain in school for in-person learning,” Grant said.

Thank you for your time.

Kjersti Powell

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Dear public health and board of supervisors,

Please see the attached. So now you are letting nurses who are Covid positive go back to work?? Please update guidelines for preschool so if a kid does not have Covid they can be in school full-time. They should not need to quarantine if they do not have it and were simply exposed all the while wearing a mask. Please implement Test to

stay!

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January 8, 2022

TO: Local Emergency Medical Serv
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Subject: Quarantine and Isolation for Em

With the increasing number of COVID-19 cases, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued a Facilities Letter (AFL 21-08.7), which provides updated guidance for health care workers from January 8, 2022 through February 1, 2022 for health care workers.

Under the updated guidance, health care workers who have tested positive for CoV-2 and are asymptomatic, may return to work immediately and without testing, and health care workers

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Subject: CDC- Test To Stay Program for Schools

Dear Public Health and Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you as a concerned parent of three kids ages 2,4, and 7. My two littles ones are in preschool and it seems the guidance for preschools has not been updated. The CDC has announced **test-to-stay** which k-12 schools are doing, but preschools are still waiting on updated guidance by you. My 4 yr old was exposed to a kid that tested positive to covid. His entire classroom is now shut down because of the outdated quarantine guidelines. My child is healthy and has been tested and is negative. A better practice for keeping our healthy kids IN school and not letting them continue to fall behind is the test-to-stay program the CDC is allowing. I beg you all to please update your guidelines for daycares and preschools for this program.

Preschools and k-12 schools have never had to shut down when a kid has the flu, hand foot mouth disease, chickenpox, a cold etc... the guidelines for that is when a kid is sick they stay home (NOT the entire class of healthy children)

Here is the CDC article: Please don't let our kids be an afterthought, please put them first!

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/what-you-should-know.html>

Test to Stay

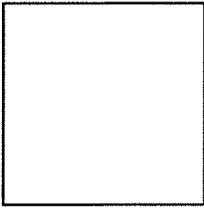
Test to Stay (TTS) combines [contact tracing](#) and [serial testing](#) (testing that is repeated at least twice during a seven-day period after last close contact with a person with COVID-19) **to allow some students, teachers and staff who should [quarantine](#) to continue in-person learning.** This includes people who are a school-associated close contact, are not fully vaccinated, do not test positive for SARS-CoV-2, and have no symptoms. TTS participants should get tested at least upon notification of their close contact and again on 5-7 days after their last close contact with someone with COVID-19.

Students who participate in Test to Stay should wear well-fitting masks while in school and should stay home and [isolate](#) if they develop symptoms or test positive for SARS-CoV-2. In the [studies](#) done in Illinois and California, to qualify for Test to Stay, both the person with COVID-19 and the close contact had to be properly masked at the time of exposure. Schools considering Test to Stay should have robust contact tracing in place and access to testing resources (for example, testing supplies and personnel to conduct testing, or access to an existing community testing site), among other layered prevention strategies. Testing frequency after a close contact can vary (for example, from twice in a seven-day period to daily), but more frequent testing can more quickly identify students who become infected with SARS-CoV-2 and need to [isolate](#).

Schools may consider Test to Stay as an option for keeping asymptomatic school-associated close contacts in the classroom as an alternative to traditional quarantine at home. Because Test to Stay can be resource intensive, it may not be a viable option for every school. School district administrators and local public health agencies should make efforts to ensure that such strategies, if offered, are available in an equitable way among students and across schools and comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies, including those related to privacy and confidentiality. Administrators should ensure that students who are isolating or in quarantine at home have adequate access to remote learning options and that they and their families receive support and follow-up to promote learning and minimize disruption.

Sincerely,

Kjersti Powell



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