

GOLDEN VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOLS COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

Golden Valley Charter Schools conducted a committee process for developing this plan at each site with the school principal as the main organizer. If you have questions, comments, or concerns about this plan unique to your school, please address the school principal. If you have questions regarding the overall return to school and the shared aspects of the plan, please contact the Executive Director, Caleb Buckley, EdD, cbuckley@goldenvalleycharter.org

Authors	Title
Caleb Buckley, EdD	Executive Director
Becky Page	Principal, Orchard
Ryan Sutton	Principal, River
Ekaterina Khmelniker	Covid19 Safety Committee Member
Megan Mardones	Covid19 Safety Committee Member
Meredith Willsen	Covid19 Safety Committee Member
	Last updated 2023.01.13

INTRODUCTION

COVID-19 is here to stay, but we have learned methods and gained tools to decrease its impact on our health and well-being. California's schools can manage this disease in sustainable and adaptive manners. In alignment with the state's SMARTER plan, California will continue to provide resources—including COVID-19 tests and personal protective equipment—to support these goals and prevent broad disruption to in-person learning.

Additionally, many of the strategies used to address COVID-19 can protect school communities from other diseases and support healthy learning environments. In alignment with the CDC, California schools should consider the approaches described below as potential methods to also safeguard students and staff from other airborne pathogens, allergens, and pollutants (e.g., wildfire smoke).

The guidance is based on current scientific knowledge and anticipated trends. It is subject to change, as COVID-19 conditions can shift rapidly and our response in schools must remain nimble and responsive to dynamic challenges.

Golden Valley Charter Schools has worked closely with faculty, staff, parents, and community members to develop a safe, supportive, academically robust and developmentally appropriate safety plan. This plan has been informed by the following:

California Safe Schools for All Hub: <https://schools.covid19.ca.gov/>

California Department of Public Health: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2021-22-School-Year.aspx>

Center for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>

OSHA ETS: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/ETS.html>

The foundational principles are ensuring access to safe and full in-person instruction for all students and keeping equity at the core of all efforts described below. In-person schooling is critical to the mental and physical health and development of our students. This plan may be adjusted based on local conditions and mandates. All Golden Valley Schools will use Sacramento County Public Health and California Department of Public Health recommendations. Please remember that this is a fluid situation, and the plan will be revisited at regular board meetings to reflect new guidance.

Golden Valley uses a multi-layered approach of infection mitigation strategies to help contain the spread of Covid 19 within our schools. Among these mitigation strategies are Face Coverings, Optimized Ventilation, Staying Home When Sick and Getting Tested, Screening Testing, and Case Reporting, Contact Tracing, and Investigation.

INFECTION MITIGATION STRATEGIES AT GOLDEN VALLEY

FACE COVERINGS

Golden Valley Charter Schools (“GVCS”) follows all Sacramento County Public Health (“SCPH”) and California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”) requirements for face coverings and the COVID-19 and Safe Schools for All Hub.

Per the February 28, 2022 California Department of Public Health Memorandum:

- After March 11, 2022, the universal masking requirement for K-12 and Childcare settings will terminate. CDPH strongly recommends that individuals in these settings continue to mask in indoor settings when the universal masking requirement lifts.

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>

GVCS recognizes that there are a variety of strong feelings regarding face coverings and other health mitigation measures. GVCS follows the mandates and guidance of our public health officials, epidemiology experts, and legal counsel.

Face coverings are currently strongly recommended for individuals on school campuses and work sites. We welcome and support those who choose to follow the strong recommendation to continue to mask at our facilities.

No person will be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition of participation in any employment activity.

Masks will continue to be provided to those who desire to use them on our campuses.

The health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority. We are also committed to each student having access and equity at our schools to their public education. We expect the community to extend our core values of respectful relationships and resilience with each other in these matters.

OPTIMIZED VENTILATION

We maximize, to the extent feasible, the quantity of outside air for our buildings with mechanical or natural ventilation systems by:

- HVAC system disinfected with EPA approved agent for COVID 19
- Outside air exchange rates are set to maximum levels
- Upgraded high-efficiency air filters installed
- Constant airflow programmed
- Building air flush programmed before and after school hours
- Utilizing outdoor instruction to the greatest extent possible

STAYING HOME WHEN SICK AND GETTING TESTED

Parents and/or caregivers are required to monitor their children for signs of infectious illness and COVID-19 every day using the *COVID-19 SCREENING TOOL FOR CHILDREN* (see appendix). Faculty and staff are required to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 using the *COVID-19 SCREENING TOOL FOR ADULTS* (see appendix).

Students who have symptoms of any infectious illness or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (using the *Covid 19 Screening Tool* (see appendix)) may not attend school in-person. All faculty and staff will refer to the *STUDENT SYMPTOM DECISION TREE* (see appendix) to determine when to send students home.

Students or staff who become ill while on campus must be isolated from others and sent home as soon as possible.

COVID SCREENING TESTING

Effective Saturday, September 17, the State Public Health Officer Order for School Workers issued on August 11, 2021 will be rescinded and there will no longer be a testing requirement for unvaccinated school employees.

To promote safer in-person learning environments, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), in partnership with the California COVID-19 Testing Task Force, is providing free rapid COVID-19 tests for teachers, staff and students at participating schools. Along with other safety practices such as masking, and improved ventilation, routine testing of students and staff can help school communities reduce the spread of COVID-19. Golden Valley Charter Schools is using this program for weekly screening of unvaccinated staff, student and staff testing, and individuals that experience possible COVID symptoms.

The program provides the following resources and tools:

- Antigen tests that provide results in 15-30 minutes
- Robust training for school personnel to perform on-site testing
- Use of the online platform, [Primary.Health](#) to register students for testing
 - Parent must give consent each time their student is tested
 - Parent may be present for testing or give consent on the phone
- **Symptomatic testing:** Individuals with symptoms of COVID19, either at home or at school, are required to stay home and isolate in case they are infectious. The individual may return to school in the case of a negative test for SARS-CoV-2 **and** 24 hours after fever is resolved and symptoms are improving.
- **Response testing:** When a case has been identified in a given stable group, symptomatic individuals with known or suspected exposure to an individual infected with SARS-CoV-2 are recommended to be tested.

Orchard Safety Officer: Becky Page
Email: bpage@goldenvalleycharter.org
Phone: 916-987-1490

[Sacramento County Testing Information](#)

This testing is for all school staff in Sacramento County. Please see Sacramento County's [COVID-19 Testing webpage](#) for an updated list of all sites.

River Safety Officer: Ryan Sutton
Email: rsutton@goldenvalleycharter.org
Phone: 916-987-6141

[Sacramento County Testing Information](#)

This testing is for all school staff in Sacramento County. Please see Sacramento County's [COVID-19 Testing webpage](#) for an updated list of all sites.

CASE REPORTING, CONTACT TRACING, AND INVESTIGATION

Each school Safety Officer, in coordination with GVCS Human Resources, is responsible for training staff and families on the application and enforcement of the school safety plan. Training will include expectations for student, staff, and parent behavior. The Safety Officer is responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns.

Golden Valley Charter Schools will initiate contact tracing when there is a confirmed case of COVID-19. Each school site has a designated staff person to support contact tracing. The designated contact tracer has completed the [Johns Hopkins COVID-19 online contact tracing course](#). If positive cases in the school community are identified, contract tracing staff will work with the county health department to identify contacts and determine appropriate course of action, such as quarantine, testing, and notifications.

Orchard Safety Officer and Contact Tracer: Becky Page

Email: bp@goldenvalleycharter.org

Phone: 916-987-1490

Becky Page has completed the [Johns Hopkins COVID-19 online contact tracing course](#)

Confirmed cases of COVID-19 are reported to Sacramento County Public Health as required by CDPH or SCPH, 916-661-7331.

River Safety Officer and Contact Tracer: Ryan Sutton

Email: rsutton@goldenvalleycharter.org

Phone: 916-987-6141

Ryan Sutton has completed the [Johns Hopkins COVID-19 online contact tracing course](#)

Confirmed cases of COVID-19 are reported to Sacramento County Public Health as required by CDPH or SCPH, 916-661-7331.

CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

Protocols for cleaning and disinfecting the school site have been established. This includes regular cleaning schedules using EPA-approved cleaning products, descriptions of how shared surfaces will be regularly cleaned and disinfected, and how use of shared items will be minimized.

- A daily cleaning schedule has been developed to follow the path of student space usage. The school buildings, while not in use as daily classrooms, will be cleaned daily using the San Juan EPA approved cleaning protocols during the time of COVID-19. We will be using child-safe and ecologically friendly products that meet State and licensing guidelines.
- Daily janitorial services will use stringent cleaning practices during the day while deep disinfection of the full campus will be conducted each evening.
- **In the event of a positive Covid case has been identified:** The classroom and all spaces where case spent significant time will be deep cleaned and disinfected using enhanced cleaning protocols and using approved disinfecting/cleaning protocols during the time of COVID-19. Disinfection will be done when students are not present.

HEALTHY HYGIENE PRACTICES

Golden Valley Charter Schools will promote healthy hygiene practices that incorporates handwashing and hand sanitizing into routines. Students and staff should wash their hands:

- when entering school/class
- before and after eating
- after coughing or sneezing
- after using the restroom
- periodically throughout the day

THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

VISITORS, VOLUNTEERS & GATHERINGS

Visitor (defined) - A visitor is any person who is on campus other than a student, staff, or volunteer. Examples include: being on campus to complete a task or business such as dropping off or picking up their children; dropping off or picking up paperwork; attending a parent teacher conference; attending an event such as a class play; etc.

Volunteer (defined) – For the purposes of this Covid Safety Plan, a volunteer is an extension of employees of the school to deliver the program to the students. Volunteers will follow the same vaccination and testing protocols as an employee of the school. Volunteers are on campus for a specific purpose, known to the class teacher or principal, and signed in at the office. They will also wear a badge or name tag provided by the school.

Effective Saturday, September 17, the State Public Health Officer Order for School Workers issued on August 11, 2021 will be rescinded and there will no longer be a testing requirement for unvaccinated school employees.

Gatherings will follow current guidance from California Department of Public Health and/or Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH). As of March 31, 2022, there will be no gatherings larger than 1000 people.

SCHOOL-BASED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The requirements and recommendations in this guidance apply to all extracurricular activities that are operated or supervised by schools, and all activities that occur on a school site, whether they occur during school hours, including, but not limited to, sports, band, chorus, plays, meetings, festivals, and clubs.

Indoor mask use remains an effective layer in protecting against COVID-19 infection and transmission, including during sports, music, and related activities, especially activities with increased exertion and/or voice projection, or prolonged close face-face contact. Accordingly:

- Masks are strongly recommended indoors at all times for teachers, referees, officials, coaches, and other support staff.
- Masks are strongly recommended indoors for all spectators and observers.

- Masks are strongly recommended indoors at all times when participants are not actively practicing, conditioning, competing, or performing. Masks are also strongly recommended indoors while on the sidelines, in team meetings, and within locker rooms and weight rooms.
- When actively practicing, conditioning, performing, or competing indoors, masks are strongly recommended by participants even during heavy exertion, as practicable. Individuals using instruments indoors that cannot be played with a mask (e.g., wind instruments) are strongly recommended to use bell coverings and maintain a minimum of 3 feet of physical distancing between participants. If masks are not worn (or bell covers are not used) due to heavy exertion, it is strongly recommended that individuals undergo screening testing at least once weekly, unless they had COVID-19 in the past 90 days. An FDA-authorized antigen test, PCR test, or pooled PCR test is acceptable for evaluation of an individual's COVID-19 status.

FIELD TRIPS

All field trips must meet the safety criteria of Golden Valley Charter Schools (“GVCS”), California Department of Education (“CDE”), and California Department of Public Health (“CDPH”). Field trips are approved on a case-by-case basis by the school administrator.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Any student may request up to 15 days by filling out a request form in the school office or through registration at the central office.

AFTERCARE

Golden Valley Charter Schools will offer childcare according to -guidance by CDPH and SCPH (Eagle’s Nest, After Care, Before Care).

In the Eagles Nest Program, students are mostly outdoors. Students in the program will be mixed with students from other classes and will be allowed to eat and drink. Students at school fall under school guidelines when in aftercare and do not fall under "Child Care Center" guidelines which are made for a different setting.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Golden Valley Charter Schools will continue to implement education support and IEP accommodations while following all health and safety guidelines. All assessments will take place in person. IEP accommodations and services are implemented during the school day following public health guidance. Contracted and in-house service providers will conduct observations in the classrooms following current guidelines.

RESOURCES

COVID-19 GENERAL INFORMATION

[Exposure Risk \(CDC\)](#)

[Glossary of Key Terms \(CDC\)](#)

[Symptoms \(CDC\)](#)

[Screening K-12 Students for Symptoms of COVID-19 \(CDC\)](#)

SACRAMENTO COUNTY INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

[COVID-19 Dashboards \(SCPH\)](#)

[COVID-19 Community Testing Sites in Sacramento County](#)

[Sacramento County COVID-19 Website](#)

[Sacramento County COVID-19 Schools Page](#)

[Sacramento County Public Health Orders](#)

[School Year Planning: A Guide to Address the Challenges of COVID-19 \(SCOE\)](#)

ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE

[Home Isolation for People with COVID-19 \(SCPH\)](#)

[Home Quarantine Guidance for Close Contacts to COVID-19 \(SCPH\)](#)

[Quarantine vs. Isolation \(CDC\)](#)

[Sacramento County Public Health General Quarantine Orders](#)

[Sacramento County Public Health General Isolation Orders](#)

CONTACT TRACING

[Johns Hopkins Online Contact Tracer Training](#)

QUESTIONS?

Sacramento County Public Health

(916) 661-7331

COVID19@saccounty.net

APPENDIX

COVID-19 SCREENING TOOL FOR ADULTS

Before coming to campus each day, adults should screen themselves for symptoms of illness by answering the following questions.

- Do you have a fever (100.4° F or greater) without having taken any fever-reducing medications?
- Do you have a loss of smell or taste?
- Do you have a cough?
- Do you have muscle aches?
- Do you have a sore throat?
- Do you have congestion or a runny nose?
- Do you have shortness of breath?
- Do you have chills?
- Do you have a headache?
- Have you experienced any new gastrointestinal symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of appetite in the last few days?
- Have you, or anyone you have been in close contact with, been diagnosed with COVID-19 or placed in quarantine for possible exposure to COVID-19 within the last two weeks?
- Have you been asked to isolate or quarantine by a medical professional or a local public health official in the last two weeks?

COVID-19 SCREENING TOOL FOR CHILDREN

Before coming to campus each day, children should be screened for symptoms of illness by answering the following questions.

- Does the child have a fever (100.4° F or greater) without having taken any fever-reducing medications?
- Does the child have a sore throat?
- Does the child have a new uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for children with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)?
- Does the child have diarrhea or vomiting?
- Does the child have new onset of severe headache, especially with a fever?

COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR CHILDREN/STUDENTS AT CHILD CARE, PRE-SCHOOL, AND K-12 SCHOOLS

CHILD/STUDENT WITH NEW SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS

Children/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 child care/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.

CHILD/STUDENT EXPOSED TO PERSON WITH COVID-19 IN ANY SETTING

If potential exposure occurs at a school setting, parents/caregivers should be notified of the potential exposure.

Children/students with exposure to someone with COVID-19 may continue to take part in all aspects of child care or schooling, including sports and extracurricular activities, unless they develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19. This includes children/students who have continuous household exposure (live with someone who has COVID-19). It is strongly recommended that exposed children/students wear a well-fitting mask indoors around others for at least 10 days following the date of last exposure, if not already doing so unless they are under age 2. It is recommended that the individual test for COVID-19 5 days after the exposure.

CHILDREN/STUDENTS WHO HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 IN THE PAST 30 DAYS

Asymptomatic children/students that have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 30 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 quarantine and test.

REPORTING OUTBREAKS TO SCPH

Elementary Schools, Pre-Schools, & Child Care (Single Classroom Cohort)

For schools/grades where students are primarily with the same classroom cohort (e.g. elementary school, pre-school, child care), schools should report outbreaks to SCPH using the [online outbreak reporting module](#) when:

- At least 3 students in a classroom cohort are suspected, probable, or confirmed to have COVID-19 within a 14-day period.
- OR
- At least 10% of the school population are suspected, probable, or confirmed to have COVID-19 within a 14-day period.

12/01/2022



Middle/High Schools (Multiple Classroom Cohorts)

For schools/grades where students are part of numerous classroom cohorts (e.g. middle and high school), schools should report outbreaks to SCPH using the [online outbreak reporting module](#) when:

- At least **10%** of a grade level is suspected, probable, or confirmed to have COVID-19 within a 14-day period.
OR
- At least **10%** of the school population is suspected, probable, or confirmed to have COVID-19 within a 14-day period.

12/01/2022



COMMUNICATIONS TEMPLATES FOR K-12 SCHOOLS

SACRAMENTO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

The following pages include sample letters for communicating with families and/or staff regarding COVID-19 cases or exposures at school. Note that every scenario is unique and these templates are provided only as guides for some common scenarios. Schools and school districts should tailor their communications for their specific situations.

SAMPLE LETTER

This message is to inform you that your child in (INSERT CLASS) may have been exposed to an individual diagnosed with COVID-19. Exposure could have occurred on (INSERT DATE).

Covid-19 Information from Sac County Public Health Decision Tree

- Students may continue to attend school as long as they do not develop symptoms of illness.
- It is strongly recommended that exposed students wear a well-fitting mask indoors around others for at least 10 days following the date of last exposure, which would be through (INSERT DATE).
- It is recommended that students test for Covid-19 five (5) days after the exposure which is on (INSERT DATE). Test sooner if symptoms develop.
- If you would like to test your student, you may bring your student to the office or use a home test. Home tests are available in the office.
- If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19, please ensure they isolate at home immediately and notify us right away at (INSERT PHONE).

We encourage you to contact us with questions and concerns. Please call the school at (INSERT PHONE) with your question.

Please be assured that we are committed to facilitating an optimal learning experience ensuring the safety of our students and staff.

Thank you

[Site Administrator/Teacher]

[School Name]

2021-2022 GVC COVID-19 CONTACT TRACING PLAN 2022.04.06
GVC COVID-19 REPORTING & CONTACT TRACING FORM

Schools (including daycare, childcare, and K-12) should:

- Report cases of confirmed COVID-19 in students or staff to Sacramento County Public Health by any method required.
- Follow Sacramento County Public Health guidance after identification of a student or staff with confirmed COVID-19

School Site/Location: _____

School Point of Contact & Phone Number: _____

POSITIVE PATIENT INFORMATION

Student/Staff Name: (Last, First)		Date of Birth:	Sex:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Home Address:		City, Zip Code:	Phone #:
Race:		Ethnicity:	Teacher(s) and/or Room Location:
<input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic	
Date of Illness Onset:	Date of Last Attendance:	COVID-19 + Test Date:	COVID-19 Symptoms: (if yes, please list)
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

COMPLETE LIST OF CLOSE CONTACTS OF PATIENTS COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN – BOT 2022.04.06

1. For COVID-19, a [close contact](#) is
2. contact is defined as sharing the same indoor airspace for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (for example, three separate 5-minute exposures) during an infected person’s infectious period.
starting **from 2 days before** illness onset.

Contact Name	Location	Phone #	Relation to Positive Case	Duration of Contact More Than 15 min AND Distance Between Contact Less Than 6 ft.?	COVID-19 Symptoms Y/N (If yes, list)	COVID-19 Test Y/N (if yes, date)	COVID-19 Test Results Date, Pos/Neg	Date Notified by School Contact Tracer Team
SAMPLE: Mrs. Franklin	Room 1	555-555-5555	Teacher	Y	N	9/22/20	Neg	
SAMPLE: Jimmy Lee	Room 1	555-555-5555	Student	Y	Y Fever 101	9/22/20	Pos	

			2021-2022	GVCS COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN – BOT	2022.04.06	2	
						0	

COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP) for Golden Valley Charter Schools (OSHA)

This CPP is designed to control exposures to the SARS-CoV-2 virus that may occur in our workplace.

Date: August 5, 2021

Authority and Responsibility

Caleb Buckley, EdD, Executive Director, has overall authority and responsibility for implementing the provisions of this CPP in our workplace. In addition, all managers and supervisors are responsible for implementing and maintaining the CPP in their assigned work areas and for ensuring employees receive answers to questions about the program in a language they understand.

All employees are responsible for using safe work practices, following all directives, policies and procedures, and assisting in maintaining a safe work environment.

Identification and Evaluation of COVID-19 Hazards

We will implement the following in our workplace:

- Evaluate employees' potential workplace exposures to all persons at, or who may enter, our workplace.
- Review applicable orders and general and industry-specific guidance from the State of California, Cal/OSHA, and the local health department related to COVID-19 hazards and prevention.
- Evaluate existing COVID-19 prevention controls in our workplace and the need for different or additional controls.
- Conduct periodic inspections as needed to identify unhealthy conditions, work practices, and work procedures related to COVID-19 and to ensure compliance with our COVID-19 policies and procedures.

Employee participation

Employees and their authorized employees' representatives are encouraged to participate in the identification and evaluation of COVID-19 hazards by participation in weekly meetings to discuss safety issues and reporting concerns to the site principal. If resolution is not received at the school site, human resources will be notified by the site principal.

Employee screening

We screen our employees by:

- Following all CDPH guidelines regarding self-monitoring
- Requiring all staff to self-monitor using the *COVID19 SCREENING TOOL FOR ADULTS*
 - Located in the [Orchard Covid Prevention Plan](#)
 - Located in the [River Covid Prevention Plan](#)
- The school site Safety Officer will oversee Covid-19 Surveillance Testing of all staff members

Correction of COVID-19 Hazards

Unsafe or unhealthy work conditions, practices or procedures will be documented and corrected in a timely manner based on the severity of the hazards, as follows:

- Site principals will document and correct all reports of unsafe/unhealthy conditions.

Control of COVID-19 Hazards

Face Coverings

Cal/OSHA has aligned workplace mask requirements with general mask guidance from the CDPH.

- **Masks are strongly recommended indoors.**
 - In outbreaks, all employees must wear masks indoors and outdoors when six feet of physical distance cannot be maintained.
- **Masks are not required outdoors** (except during outbreaks). Workers should be trained for outdoor use of face coverings.
- **Golden Valley will provide unvaccinated employees with NIOSH-certified respirator masks** for voluntary use when:
 - Working indoors, or
 - In a vehicle with others.

GVCS recognizes that there are a variety of strong feelings regarding face coverings and other health mitigation measures. GVCS follows mandates and guidance our public health officials, epidemiology experts, and legal counsel.

Face coverings are currently strongly recommended for individuals on school campuses and work sites.

We welcome and support those who choose to follow the strong recommendation to continue to mask at our facilities.

No person will be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition of participation in any employment activity.

Masks will continue to be provided to those who desire to use them on our campuses.

We expect the community to extend our core values of respectful relationships and resilience with each other in these matters.

Engineering controls

We implement the following measures for situations where we cannot maintain at least six feet between individuals:

We maximize, to the extent feasible, the quantity of outside air for our buildings with mechanical or natural ventilation systems by:

- River and Orchard
 - HVAC system disinfected with EPA approved agent for COVID 19
 - Outside air exchange rates are set to maximum levels
 - Upgraded high-efficiency air filters installed
 - Constant airflow programmed
 - Building air flush programmed before and after school hours

Cleaning and disinfecting

We implement the following cleaning and disinfection measures for frequently touched surfaces:

- Ensuring adequate supplies and adequate time for it to be done properly.
- Informing the employees and authorized employee representatives of the frequency and scope of cleaning and disinfection.

Should we have a COVID-19 case in our workplace, we will implement the following procedures:

- Full disinfecting of all work areas the employee entered.

Shared tools, equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE)

PPE must not be shared, e.g., gloves, goggles and face shields.

Items that employees come in regular physical contact with, such as phones, headsets, desks, keyboards, writing materials, instruments and tools must also not be shared, to the extent feasible. Where there must be sharing, the items will be disinfected between uses by **using appropriate wipes**.

Hand sanitizing

In order to implement effective hand sanitizing procedures, we:

- Evaluated handwashing facilities.
- Encourage and allow time for employee handwashing.
- Provide employees with an effective hand sanitizer, and prohibit hand sanitizers that contain methanol (i.e., methyl alcohol).
- Encourage employees to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds each time.
- Post signage on proper handwashing techniques in all bathrooms.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) used to control employees' exposure to COVID-19

We evaluate the need for PPE (such as gloves, goggles, and face shields) as required by CCR Title 8, section 3380, and provide such PPE as needed.

When it comes to respiratory protection, we evaluate the need in accordance with CCR Title 8 section 5144 when the physical distancing requirements are not feasible or maintained. We provide and ensure use of eye protection and respiratory protection in accordance with section 5144 when employees are exposed to procedures that may aerosolize potentially infectious material such as saliva or respiratory tract fluids.

Investigating and Responding to COVID-19 Cases

Employees who had potential COVID-19 exposure in our workplace will be:

- Notified by the Site Safety Officer.
- Provided no-cost Covid19 testing during working hours.
- Provided with information on benefits described in Training and Instruction, and Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases, below.

If an employee tests positive for COVID:

1. **The employee must isolate until Day 5 (from date of symptom onset or positive test whichever began first).**
2. **On day five, the employee can test to return to work. Testing on Day 5 is permitted as long as the staff member has been fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication and all other symptoms are improved.**
 - a. **If test is negative, the employee may return to work on Day 6, but must wear a mask through Day 10.**
 - ~~b. **If an employee tests positive, the employee must remain in isolation through Day 10 (return to work on Day 11).**~~
 - c. **If an employee refuses to mask or test, they must remain home through Day 10 (return on Day 11).**

If an employee is identified as a close contact:

1. **Asymptomatic employees:**
 - a. **Must test 3-5 days after last date of close contact.**
 - b. **Employees that have tested positive in the last 30 days do not have to test as long as they remain asymptomatic.**
 - c. **The employee must wear a mask for 10 days.**
 - d. **Employees that refuse to wear a mask or test must quarantine at home and may return to work on Day 11 after last contact.**
2. **Symptomatic employees:**
 - a. **May return to work after day 5 if symptoms are not present and a negative COVID test is collected.**
 - b. **If an employee is unable to test or refusing to test, the employee may return to work after day 10.**

Employees that return after Day 5 must wear a mask until after Day 10.

System for Communicating

Our goal is to ensure that we have effective two-way communication with our employees, in a form they can readily understand, and that it includes the following information:

- That employees can report symptoms and hazards without fear of reprisal.
- Employees should report COVID-19 symptoms and possible hazards to the Site Safety Officer/school principal.
- Our procedures or policies for accommodating employees with medical or other conditions that put them at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness.
- Where testing is not required, how employees can access COVID-19 testing: please see the list of testing sites in the community.
- In the event we are required to provide testing because of a workplace exposure or outbreak, we will communicate the plan for providing testing and inform affected employees of the reason for the testing and the possible consequences of a positive test. **Educators receive free Covid-19 testing.**
- Information about COVID-19 hazards employees (including other employers and individuals in contact with our workplace) may be exposed to, what is being done to control those hazards, and our COVID-19 policies and procedures.

Training and Instruction

We will provide effective training and instruction that includes:

- Our COVID-19 policies and procedures to protect employees from COVID-19 hazards.
- Information regarding COVID-19-related benefits to which the employee may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws.
- The fact that:
 - COVID-19 is an infectious disease that can be spread through the air.
 - COVID-19 may be transmitted when a person touches a contaminated object and then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth.
 - An infectious person may have no symptoms.
- Methods of physical distancing of at least six feet.
- The importance of frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and using hand sanitizer when employees do not have immediate access to a sink or hand washing facility, and that hand sanitizer does not work if the hands are soiled.
- Proper use of face coverings and the fact that face coverings are not respiratory protective equipment - face coverings are intended to primarily protect other individuals from the wearer of the face covering.
- COVID-19 symptoms, and the importance of obtaining a COVID-19 test and not coming to work if the employee has COVID-19 symptoms.

Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases

Where we have a COVID-19 case in our workplace, we will limit transmission by:

- Ensuring that COVID-19 cases are excluded from the workplace until our return-to-work requirements are met.
- Excluding employees with COVID-19 exposure from the workplace for after the last known COVID-19 exposure to a COVID-19 case.
- Continuing and maintaining an employee's earnings, seniority, and all other employee rights and benefits whenever we've demonstrated that the COVID-19 exposure is work related. This will be accomplished by **direct communication from HR.**
- Providing employees at the time of exclusion with information on available benefits.

What Employers and Workers Need to Know about COVID-19 Isolation & Quarantine

November 9, 2022

This fact sheet provides employers and workers not covered by the [Aerosol Transmissible Diseases standard](#) with information on when and for how long workers must be excluded from the workplace if they test positive or are exposed to someone who has COVID-19. The chart below reflects the new California Department of Public Health (CDPH) isolation and quarantine periods guidance from June 9, 2022 and the third re-adoption of the Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Regulation effective May 5, 2022.

More information is available on [Cal/OSHA's ETS FAQs](#) and [CDPH's Isolation and Quarantine Guidance](#).

Employees who test positive for COVID-19 must be excluded from the workplace as described in Table 1. For employees who had a close contact, employers must review [CDPH guidance](#) and implement quarantine and other measures in the workplace to prevent COVID-19 transmission in the workplace. Please refer to table 2 and table 3 below for CDPH quarantine guidance after close contact.

Where the tables below refer to action to be taken on a specified day (e.g., "day 5" or "day 10"), day 1 is the first day following the onset of symptoms or, if no symptoms develop, the day following the first positive test.

Table 1: Exclusion Requirements for Employees Who Test Positive for COVID-19

<p>Requirements apply to all employees, regardless of vaccination status, previous infection, or lack of symptoms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees who test positive for COVID-19 must be excluded from the workplace for at least 5 days after start of symptoms or after date of first positive test if no symptoms. • Isolation can end and employees may return to the workplace after day 5 if symptoms are not present or are resolving, and a diagnostic specimen* collected on day 5 or later tests negative. • If an employee's test on day 5 (or later) is positive, isolation can end and the employee may return to the workplace after day 10 if they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications. • If an employee is unable to or choosing not to test¹, isolation can end, and the employee may return to the workplace after day 10 if they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications. • If an employee has a fever², isolation must continue and the employee may not return to work until 24 hours after the fever resolves without the use of fever-reducing medications.³ • If an employee's symptoms other than fever are not resolving, they may not return to work until their symptoms are resolving or until after day 10. • Employees must wear face coverings around others for a total of 10 days. Please refer the FAQs regarding face coverings for additional information. <p>*Antigen test preferred.</p>
---	---

¹ An employer may require a test. More information is available in the [Department of Fair Employment and Housing FAQ](#).

² A fever is a measured body temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.

³ A fever resolves when 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications.

Table 2: CDPH Guidance for Close Contacts – Employees Who Are Exposed to Someone with COVID-19. (Applies to All Employees Except Those in High-Risk Settings)

<p>For employees who are asymptomatic. Applies to all employees, regardless of vaccination status.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exposed employees must test within three to five days after their last close contact. Persons infected within the prior 90 days do not need to be tested unless symptoms develop. Employees must wear face coverings around others for a total of 10 days after exposure. Please refer to the FAQs on face coverings for additional information. If an exposed employee tests positive for COVID- 19, they must follow the isolation requirements above in Table 1. Employees are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated and boosted
<p>For employees who are symptomatic. Applies to all employees, regardless of vaccination status.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symptomatic employees must be excluded and test as soon as possible. Exclusion must continue until test results are obtained. If the employee is unable to test or choosing not to test, exclusion must continue for 10 days. If the employee tests negative and returns to work earlier than 10 days after the close contact, the employee must wear a face covering around others for 10 days following the close contact. CDPH recommends continuing exclusion and retesting in 1-2 days if testing negative with an antigen test, particularly if tested during the first 1-2 days of symptoms. For symptomatic employees who have tested positive within the previous 90 days, using an antigen test is preferred.

Table 3: CDPH Guidance for Close Contacts – Specified High-Risk Settings

<p>Applies to employees who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unvaccinated, OR Not fully vaccinated, OR Vaccinated and booster-eligible but have not received a booster dose, AND Not infected with SARS-CoV-2 within the prior 90 days. <p>AND who work in the following high-risk settings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homeless shelters* Emergency shelters Cooling and heating centers Long term care settings & adult and senior care facilities* Local correctional facilities and detention centers* Healthcare settings* <p>* Please note that some employees in these high-risk settings are covered by the Aerosol Transmissible Diseases standard (section 5199) and are subject to different requirements. Please see the Scope of Coverage section of the FAQ for additional information.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exposed employees must be excluded from work for at least five days after the last known close contact. Exclusion can end and exposed employees may return to the workplace after day 5 if symptoms are not present and a diagnostic specimen collected on day 5 or later tests negative. If an employee is unable to test or choosing not to test, and symptoms are not present, work exclusion can end and the employee may return to the workplace after day 10. Employees in these settings must wear a face covering while indoors and around others in accordance with CDPH's universal masking guidance. Employees are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated or boosted. If employees develop symptoms after returning to work, they must be excluded from the workplace and test as soon as possible. If employees test positive, they must follow the isolation requirements in Table 1.
--	--

Commonly Asked Questions

When are workers eligible for exclusion pay if exposed to COVID-19?

When workers are required to be excluded from work due to work-related COVID-19 exposure, they must be paid exclusion pay. Workers should speak with their employers about available exclusion pay. Some exceptions apply, for example if the worker can work from home, or they are receiving disability pay or Workers' Compensation Temporary Disability Payments.

What does CDPH guidance require if a worker was exposed to COVID-19 but tests are not available?

If a worker in a non-high-risk setting cannot be tested as required but never develops symptoms, the worker may continue to work but must wear a face covering for 10 days after the close contact. If the worker works in a high-risk setting, they should continue isolation for 10 days, as explained in the table.

This guidance is an overview, for full requirements see Title 8 sections [3205](#), [3205.1](#), [3205.2](#), [3205.3](#), [3205.4](#)

Update History

- January 19, 2022 – Updated to clarify this fact sheet does not apply to workplaces covered by the Aerosol Transmissible Diseases Standard.
- May 6, 2022 – Updated to align with new CDPH guidance for general population and adding high-risk settings.
- November 9, 2022 – Updated to add vaccinated and booster-eligible but not yet boosted to the list of workers who must be excluded in high-risk settings after close contact. Also made edits to align with CDPH guidance.



For assistance with developing a COVID-19 Prevention Program, employers may contact Cal/OSHA Consultation Services at 1 800 963 9424 or InfoCons@dir.ca.gov

For Consultation information or publications, access the following link or copy the site address:
[DOSHconsultation www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/consultation.html](http://DOSHconsultation.www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/consultation.html)

Reporting, Recordkeeping, and Access

It is our policy to:

- Report information about COVID-19 cases at our workplace to the local health department whenever required by law, and provide any related information requested by the local health department.
 - Report immediately to Cal/OSHA any COVID-19-related serious illnesses or death, as defined under CCR Title 8 section 330(h), of an employee occurring in our place of employment or in connection with any employment.
 - Maintain records of the steps taken to implement our written COVID-19 Prevention Program in accordance with CCR Title 8 section 3203(b).
 - Make our written COVID-19 Prevention Program available at the workplace to employees, authorized employee representatives, and to representatives of Cal/OSHA immediately upon request.
 - Keep a record of and track all COVID-19 cases. The information will be made available to employees, authorized employee representatives, or as otherwise required by law, with personal identifying information removed.
 - Return-to-Work Criteria COVID-19 cases with COVID-19 symptoms will not return to work until all the following have occurred:
 - At least 24 hours have passed since a fever of 100.4 or higher has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medications.
 - COVID-19 symptoms have improved.
 - COVID-19 cases who tested positive but never developed COVID-19 symptoms will not return to work until a minimum of 10 days have passed since the date of specimen collection of their first positive COVID-19 test.
 - A negative COVID-19 test will not be required for an employee to return to work.
 - If an order to isolate or quarantine an employee is issued by a local or state health official, the employee will not return to work until the period of isolation or quarantine is completed or the order is lifted. If no period was specified, then the period will be 10 days from the time the order to isolate was effective, or 14 days from the time the order to quarantine was effective.
-

Caleb Buckley, EdD

Executive Director

5/16/2022