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**Santa Barbara County Protocols for Symptoms, Potential Exposure and/or Close Contact with an Individual Testing Positive for COVID-19 in a School or Classroom Setting**

Student or Staff with Symptoms, Potential Exposure and/or Close Contact* with an Individual Testing Positive for COVID-19	ACTION	DISTRICT COMMUNICATION
1. Student or Staff with COVID-19 <a href="#">symptoms</a> , answers yes to a health screening question or has a temperature of 100.4 or above.  <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual sent home for home quarantine.</li> <li>Individual or family contacts their healthcare provider immediately for medical evaluation which may include testing. (if positive, see #3, if negative see #4 and #5)</li> <li><b>Cohort** OPEN</b></li> </ul>	<b>No communication to class</b>
2. Student or Staff with close contact* (see definition below) with a confirmed COVID-19 case.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual sent home for home quarantine</li> <li>Quarantine for 14 days from last exposure</li> <li>Recommend testing. <u>Testing does not shorten 14-day quarantine.</u></li> <li>If any symptoms develop contact medical provider for evaluation.</li> <li><b>Cohort** OPEN</b></li> </ul>	<b>Consider school community notification of a known contact</b>
3. Student or Staff who is a confirmed COVID-19 case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact SBCPHD Community Health Nurse/Disease Control at <b>805-681-5280</b></li> <li>Isolate case and exclude from school until criteria for return have been met.</li> </ul>	<b>School community notification of a known case</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify contacts, quarantine &amp; exclude exposed contacts (likely entire cohort) for 14 days after the last date the case was present in school while infectious.</li> <li>• Recommend testing of contacts and prioritize symptomatic contacts. <u>Testing does not shorten 14-day quarantine.</u></li> <li>• Disinfection and cleaning of classroom and primary spaces where case spent significant time.</li> <li>• <b>School remains open</b></li> </ul>	
4. Student or Staff who tests negative after symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May return to school 3 days after symptoms resolve</li> <li>• <b>Cohort** OPEN</b></li> </ul>	<b>Consider school community notification if prior awareness of testing</b>
5. Student or Staff for whom a medical provider diagnoses another cause of symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical provider provides note with return to school instructions following guidelines for the specific illness.</li> </ul>	<b>N/A</b>

(\*) 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.

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Schools%20Reopening%20Recommendations.pdf>