El Sol Science and Arts Academy

SCHOOL OPENING AND SAFETY PLAN 2022-2023

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INTRODUCTION

The El Sol Covid-19 plan’s objective is to significantly reduce opportunities for the transmission of the virus among the entire El Sol family—teachers, staff, parents, and students as well as the contiguous community.

Educational and Health Commitments: Evolution and Content of Plan

El Sol’s educational commitments for the 2021-2022 school year are to provide each of its students with a quality educational program and set of learning experiences and, to do so, while attentive and committed to the health and wellbeing of its diverse students and their families. Indeed, as it has from its early beginnings, the school acknowledges that a healthy El Sol family is essential to the educational progress of the family’s children.

As a consequence of frequently changing guidelines from relevant federal, state, county, local health, and educational agencies, as well as national medical professional groups, resulting from increasing knowledge about the COVID-19, questions and issues exist that El Sol is attentive to and trying to resolve concerning the best COVID-19 assessment, screening, and mitigation strategies. Similarly, questions remain among El Sol’s leaders, staff, and teachers as to the best hybrid educational approach and the related staging of curriculum modules and classes.

El Sol knows that it is not alone in asking questions or facing issues. El Sol is fortunate to be part of a UCI research program concerning the efficacy of testing and mitigation strategies. Knowledge sharing related to COVID-19 experiences and a continuous willingness to evaluate its response as well as refine and amend its plan during this next educational year, will provide El Sol a ladder to continued educational success and a healthy campus.
ORGANIZATION

Advisory Committee
El Sol will set up a small Advisory Committee. It will include at least: two physicians and one nurse with experience relevant to the COVID-19 virus; one recognized OC leader with a background in working with health and education-related public agencies, a teacher, and a parent from El Sol. It will meet once a month on zoom and, if conditions permit, once every other month on site. Its role will be to monitor and discuss El Sol’s progress in meeting COVID-19 Plan commitments, provide advice to strengthen El Sol’s essential linkages with relevant federal, state, county and local government agencies concerning diverse strategic mitigation strategies and review and provide advice to assure an effective and efficient match between El Sol’s continuous COVID-19 mitigation commitments and available resources. Special meetings will be called if there are unanticipated COVID-19 emergencies. Individual members of the Committee will advise as to questions that might arise over phone or on email and zoom, depending on their schedule based on their specific backgrounds.

Coordination
El Sol’s executive director will identify and select three senior staff individuals to provide coordination of the school’s educational and health safety initiatives during 2021 and 2022, they will report directly to the executive director. They will assume responsibility for the successful implementation of and compliance with the plan. They will be the “go to” individuals concerning resolution of education, as well as related COVID-19 health and wellbeing problems. They will work with staff and teachers in a collaborative manner. They will be the point of contact for student and family questions about COVID-19. The executive director shall be the primary point of contact with involved agencies, foundations, UCI Task force and media.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Masks
With limited exceptions approved by El Sol, teachers, staff, and student, always, will wear washable cloth masks in the classroom, in offices and all other internal spaces in the campus.

El Sol will supply masks to families who may not have them. Fully vaccinated people might choose to wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings if they or someone in their household is immunocompromised.

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CDPH Guidelines

Exceptions
Students, teachers, and staff with written medical exemptions will be excused from wearing masks INDOORS. The school will make best efforts to secure and sustain mask wearing by young pre-school, and kindergarten students (e.g., discussion with parent and students, use of stories, games, songs, and classroom incentives, etc.), including special education students. Teachers and staff who need to temporarily avoid wearing masks to provide personalized close quarter assistance to young students and special education students will wear a Plexiglas Shield.

In limited situations where a face covering cannot be used for pedagogical or developmental reasons, (e.g., communicating or assisting young children or those with special needs) a face shield with a drape (per CDPH guidelines) can be used instead of a face covering while in the classroom.

Equipment
To the extent reasonable considering educational and cost objectives, control of technical equipment in the classroom will rest with teachers from their positions in front of class. Students in kindergarten to grade eight will have laptops, with age graded apps, and connected to internet and, if resources permit, access to virtual reality devices to extend their sensitivity and understanding of their environment, the world, the community and its people-now limited by pandemic. Interactive white Boards will be in front of the room.
Outdoor and Recreation Space
El Sol will maximize use of designated recreation and outdoor spaces for scheduled outdoor classrooms, breakfasts, lunches, recess, and physical education.

Health & Hygiene Practices
We will continue to encourage hand washing thoroughly throughout the day and the use of touch-less hand sanitizer (dispensers in all classrooms & throughout buildings) when hand washing is not available.

El Sol will develop and use an effective and efficient directional system. It will include simple to understand painted or taped signs and or symbols on walls, floors, and sidewalks to indicate location of classrooms, offices, bathrooms as well as the need to wear masks.

Food Support and Providing Breakfast and Lunch
Lunch mealtimes will be staggered to meet efficiency objectives re delivery and to assure fresh food, avoid delays in service and provide healthy environments for eating. On-site students will eat either in their classrooms or with approval outside in designated spaces, including current outdoor lunch spaces. Outdoor lunches will be monitored by teachers and or staff. El Sol staff will deliver packaged wrapped food to students on clean carts. Students will eat with their classroom cohorts during inclement weather.

The Mercado located contiguous to, but separate from El Sol’s classroom campus, will continue to provide food to the community, including supplemental food to El Sol families. Families eligible for food will not enter the actual classroom campus.
SCREENING AND MITIGATION

Entering Campus
El Sol has begun and will continue to use a combination of technology and trained staff to screen persons-teachers, staff, and visitors before they enter the school site.

If El Sol students, teachers and staff reflect symptoms, the school will initiate mitigation procedures correlated generally with risk assessment procedures on the Decision Tree Chart on page 16-17. All El Sol approved vendors, contractors and visitors will be asked to use the UCLA screening device and the Decision Tree the evening before their appointment to secure an entry certificate. Assuming they receive one, immediately prior to their appointment they will undergo a temperature check at the entrance gate. Individuals with temperatures under 100.4 will be allowed to go to their onsite appointment. El Sol will develop specific protocols for these groups and provide it to them simultaneous with reviewing their request for appointments on site. Their campus appointments will be premised on their acceptance of the protocols.

El Sol’s use of the UCLA system, process, and app as well as the Screening and Mitigation Decision Tree on page 16-17 will help reduce Covid-19 incidences and impact. In this context, El Sol, subsequent to initiating the hybrid model, will make best efforts to communicate and, if possible, to work with UCLA, and UCI Task Force to harmonize the now different algorithms and symptoms used by UCI and Symptom Screen and Mitigation Decision Tree to increase consistency concerning risk assessment criteria and facilitate record keeping as well as evaluation of teachers, staff, and visitors entering the campus.

Testing of Staff/Testing of Students
Staff members and students with symptoms of COVID-19 infection will not return for in-person instruction until they have met CDPH criteria to discontinue home isolation for those with symptoms:

- At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- And other symptoms have improved.
- And they have a negative test for SARS-CoV-2.
- OR a healthcare provider has provided documentation that the symptoms are typical of their underlying chronic condition (e.g., allergies or asthma)
• OR a healthcare provider has confirmed an alternative named diagnosis (e.g., Streptococcal pharyngitis, Coxsackie virus),
• OR at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset

Decisions Concerning Further Student Screen, Testing, and Contact Tracing
Students who reflect symptoms while on site will be screened further by trained El Sol staff using the Decision Tree Chart page 16-17. The process, as illustrated above, will identify low and high-risk symptoms and lead to identified school actions concerning school attendance and relevant mitigation strategies. All students and staff with high-risk symptoms will be reported to the Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) for further assessment, testing, and contract tracing within 24 hours. El Sol staff will work with OCHCA to facilitate testing, contact tracing, and proper quarantining as well as treatment in and out of home. El Sol's designated Point of Contact is Sara Flores.

Assessment Room and Functions
El Sol will provide a safe, clean, staff supervised isolated waiting and Assessment Room. All students with symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to immediately go to the Assessment Room by teachers or staff. While in the room, students and staff will be strongly recommended to wear masks. Staff personnel will have access to and use masks or Plexiglas shields. The room will require social distancing.

No one will be allowed in or out of room without approval of the in-room trained staff persons. The room will have a built in or portable sink and closed cupboards for minimal medical supplies. It will be linked to the front office by El Sol’s internal communication system and to the visiting El Sol nurse, teachers, staff, parents, family physician and OCHCA by phone and email or zoom. Staff working in the Assessment Room will have the ability to secure medical advisement (e.g., visiting nurses, family physician, etc.). The Assessment Room will have laptops available with desks and chairs for staff persons and chairs for students. Finally, murals, pictures, and or posters, will be used to make the room welcoming to students.

Students, teachers, and staff who require self-quarantine for specified amounts of time based on risk assessment by staff in the Assessment Room shall exit the campus. Students will be accompanied by a staff person. Parents, or caregivers, or persons pre-designated in writing by parents or caregivers as drivers, will pick up the students and bring them home for self-quarantine. Affected students will be able return to El Sol, when criteria outlined on the Decision Tree Chart on page 16-17 are met and appropriate documentation is provided to El Sol.

Parents and COVID-19
Parents will not be allowed to enter the El Sol Campus. Staff will bring students in emergencies to the entrance gate allowing parents to pick up their children. Parent teacher meetings will be initiated on zoom.

Should COVID-19 symptoms, based on self-observations, occur in individuals residing in the students’ home, the individuals will be advised to make best efforts to immediately see their personal physician. If they have no personal physician or ready access to a Santa Ana clinic because of income constraints, El Sol will facilitate an appointment at the SOS/El Sol Wellness Center (FQHC) located on the El Sol campus. Mitigation
measures defined by assessment criteria, like those on the Decision Tree Chart, will be adhered to by everyone including the need for self-quarantine.

**FACILITY CLEANING AND SANITATION**

El Sol is committed to providing on-site teachers, staff, and students with a clean and safe environment; one that reduces significantly, the possibility as well as the probability of exposure to, contamination, transmission and spreading of COVID-19. To achieve success, El Sol will grant attention to different kinds of cleaning objectives and strategies including but not limited to the use of diverse cleaning schedules and approaches, special equipment, disinfectants/sanitizers. All El Sol cleaning strategies will be consistent with CDC, EPA, State of California and OCHCA guidelines.

**Built in Sinks and Portable Sinks**

All El Sol classrooms will have access to a sink for washing hands/proper hygiene. Each classroom will also have EPA approved hand sanitizers (60% ethyl alcohol based) easily accessible to room occupants. Similarly, the campus, external to classrooms, will reflect EPA approved hand sanitizers in visible accessible locations. All campus water fountains will be closed or converted into water flow stations able to fill reusable student, staff, and teacher water bottles. Each group will be encouraged to use their own personal water bottles.

**Washing Hands**

Teachers, staff, and students will wash their hands or use El Sol’s sanitizers for at least 20 seconds several times a day including when they arrive on site.

To avoid duplicative hand washing requirements, if there are no changes in classrooms and no breaks between classes or changes in staffing patterns, students, teachers, and staff will wash or sanitize their hands before their first class each day. Washing hands will be required subsequently after PE activity, after recess, after bathroom use, before and after onsite breakfast and after lunch and before they leave school. If there are discontinuities in staffing patterns, each new class will require before and after hand washing or hand sanitizing. Sneezing and coughs will require instant handwashing or hand sanitizing. El Sol shall provide single use paper towels and separate externally identified receptacles for each. Trash and recyclables will be conveyed to pick up conveyers by custodians at the end of each day.
Cleaning Surfaces
Most surfaces in classrooms which are not used frequently and or if used by the same person will be cleaned at the end of every day; other surfaces that secure more intense use or are frequently touched will be cleaned at least two times day.

At end of every day: Chairs, desks, phones, headsets, computers including keyboards, handrails, light switches, public connection spaces (e.g., reception), classroom door handles, fax machines, kitchens and preparation spaces, door handles etc.

Tables used for lunch or breakfast shall be cleaned after scheduled lunch and breakfast periods. El Sol teachers and staff will continuously observe use of surfaces and modify, and where necessary based on use, amend the surfaces subject to and the timing associated with cleaning and disinfecting.

Sharing of Materials
Public health officials have revised their K-12 guidance to reflect clear evidence that COVID-19 is primarily transmitted via aerosols and respiratory droplets and not via surfaces. As a result, El Sol students can share most supplies and materials within their instructional stable group/cohort. Schools no longer need to purchase individual supply kits for students. Teachers are no longer required to disinfect shared supplies and materials between uses. Students can also share P.E. equipment within their instructional stable group/cohort.

Restroom Use
Student will use restrooms that are easily accessible and located either contiguous to hallways in each classroom building or located in clusters external to and near such buildings. Students must wear masks and maximize physical distance during transitions and during restroom breaks.

All students in grades three to grades eight, will use nearest accessible restrooms on their own. Excessive time away from classroom, if repetitive, will be discussed with students to determine if a medical problem or behavioral problem exists. Either one, upon confirmation, will be responded to by El Sol staff within defined protocols.

Restroom Cleaning
All students, staff, teachers must wash their hands after use of restrooms. Restrooms will be cleaned by El Sol custodians at least two times a day - once in morning before school starts, and once at lunch. More cleaning time will be added, if staff accompanying young children observes such cleaning is essential to sustain COVID-19 free environment. Deep cleaning will be used to clean restrooms at least once a week. El Sol will maintain a computerized log and record of cleaning activities.

Cleaning Materials
El Sol will use OCHCA, CDC and EPA approved disinfectants, including sprays, concentrates and wipes, as appropriate, to the area or surface being cleaned. Frequently used surfaces in classrooms and outside of classrooms will be cleaned before first classes begin and subsequently at end of day. All unnecessary
furniture will be removed from classes and stored by El Sol. Playground equipment will be used by students this school year.

**Deep Cleaning**

Rooms where the COVID-19 virus has been transmitted will be closed for 24 hours and subsequently subject to deep and intensive cleaning before being used by students, teachers, staff, and approved visitors again. El Sol will use sanitizers and disinfectants as well as protective equipment approved by OCHCA, CDC and EPA. The school, depending on costs, will consider use of electrostatic sprayers, foggers, and misters to reach difficult to get places. It will follow expert advice to disinfect from clean areas to dirty areas, from high areas or surfaces to low area or surfaces. It will also remove any visible soil with detergent-based cleaners before applying disinfectant. Custodial personnel undertaking deep cleaning will receive training and wear appropriate PPE protection such as gloves, protective glass, or face shields, cloth masks or respirators, etc.

El Sol has acquired disinfectant wipes, mask, gloves, and other supplies to meet short term cleaning and disinfection needs and personal protection requirements. The school, based on a frequently updated analysis of inventory of the same and its usage, will sustain an ample supply of cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting materials on site in a safe place and under lock and key.

**Ventilator and Air Flow**

All but two classrooms are in new buildings at El Sol meaning that for all but two classrooms, HVAC systems are new. El Sol will inspect all ventilators before school opens to make sure that all ventilators meet OCHCA, and EPA standards related to COVID-19. El Sol will put in place filters that will permit HVAC to meet air quality standards. Generally, HVACs will be started one hour before classes begin.

El Sol will track and record maintenance activities to insure consistency with relevant OCHCA and EPA’s air quality criteria.

El Sol will change filters consistent with maker’s recommendations. El Sol will test air filtration to assure filtration meets relevant federal and county COVID-19 guidelines, including use of MERV 13 filters. The school will inspect dampers and ducts periodically to assure quality air flow.

El Sol will evaluate air flow and quality in each classroom at minimum bi-monthly to assure air quality criteria are met throughout the campus.

**INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS**

**Background**

We believe that an in-person educational experience is best for students as long as it is safe to do so. We are following all guidelines to continue to provide a safe environment to maximize the benefits of being in
person. We know everyone worked really hard last year during our hybrid program and are excited to solely focus our efforts on an in-person approach. Moving forward, we will not offer distance learning as we did this past school year.

In the rare case that your student is unable to attend school in-person due to personal health complications, please contact Sara Flores via phone 714-975-0544 or email sflores@elsolacademy.org to discuss eligibility for an independent study program for your child. Our number one priority remains the safety of our students and team members to provide a joyful academic experience.

We look forward to strengthening our connections, trust, and community for your children. I know we will continue to learn and grow together. We cannot wait to see you all in August!

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

**Special Education Students**
El Sol will grant special attention and priority to the health, safety, and educational needs of special education students, their teachers and classroom staff. It will strategically balance classroom integration with special tailored learning experiences for special needs students. Similarly, to the extent possible, it will relate education and health priorities of special education students to choices concerning asynchronous and synchronous learning. The school will provide relevant PPE and respond to the identified health needs of special needs students, including medically fragile or immune compromised students, concerning classroom location and scheduling, teaching/staffing patterns, health assessment, food service, and PE.

**Transitioning to in person Instruction**
The school will periodically fine-tune its plan and guidelines because of increased understanding of the virus impact and related amended government guidelines. El Sol will communicate and discuss the plan and guidelines with parents, teachers, staff, and students. Further, El Sol will administer strategic intense short-term teacher and staff training initiatives on a monthly basis. The programs, apart from covering the plan details, will encompass recognizing and assessing participants COVID-19 symptoms. Additionally, the training will include proper screening techniques, modeling necessary hand washing, use of sinks, sanitizers and cleaners, the need to maintain social distance guidelines and continuously wear face masks, knowledge of testing requirements, means of identifying parents, teachers, staff, and students who have had or are now having close contact with a person with symptoms, etc. The school will maintain a record of the trainings, along with rosters.
REDUCING THE EQUITY GAP

Expand Testing
El Sol will collaborate with UCI to assure successful completion of its proposed research program. The school will work with UCI and OCHCA to convert testing and contact tracing requirements to reality.

However, once in person instruction is initiated successfully, El Sol, conduct a weekly testing program for El Sol’s students and staff. El Sol will collaborate with OCHCA and the Valencia Labs to procure and process tests. The school will work closely with OCHCA to assure testing occurs and that record keeping is sustained concerning numbers and names of individuals tested, type of test, contact testing and test results.

Response to Flu
Experts project the possibility of increased numbers of flu illness during fall and winter. Parents as well as teachers, staff and students will be required to report flu or flu like symptoms to El Sol. All parents, students, staff, and teachers will be asked to take flu shots - except those individuals with medical exemptions. The El Sol nurse working with trained El Sol staff will determine and track flu incidence at El Sol. Family physician reimbursed by publicly supported insurance will provide exam and treatment to uninsured El Sol families and their students. The on-site SOS office will continue to triage medical and wellness services to El Sol families and students when private physicians are not readily available because of scheduling overload or insurance is not accessible. SOS, as part of its collaborative and contractual relationship with El Sol, will provide flu shots. Should the incidence of flu and or a spike in COVID-19 result in long waiting times for El Sol parents or children, El Sol will make best efforts to secure additional shots from other partners.

Mental Health
Self-Quarantine by families and students, economic concerns, as well as uncertainty concerning student education alternatives and fear of virus have increased the incidence of personal and family anxiety, tension, visible stress, even depression. Continued emotional issues will likely result from the hybrid approach related to scheduling and the difficulties some students will face adjusting to the mix of online and on-site learning. In a similar vein, hybrid approaches may increase anxieties concerning wage earner job opportunities. Which parent will take care of kids? Will there be adequate quality day care for children including children of single parents or children in caregiver households? El Sol has and will continue to retain onsite and on-line therapeutic services provided by Western Youth Services. Possible case overload will be responded to by seeking additional partner resources.
Communication
El Sol is committed to build on its excellent collaborative relationships with its teachers, staff, parents or caregivers, and students and to strengthen its strategic COVID-19 collaborative relationships with the OC Health and Education Departments, the OC Department of Social Services as well as the SAUSD and other relevant local, state, and federal agencies. Transparency and integrity have and will continue to govern communications. The school has also made a commitment to initiate communication concerning status of COVID-19 and mitigation strategies with its contiguous community.

El Sol will balance its desire and legal responsibilities to be transparent concerning the virus with its desire and legal responsibilities to protect privacy.

El Sol initiatives will include:

- Make use of the Orange County Health Care Agency, CHOC, UCI consultative phone service to secure a response to issues and questions related to health and safety guidelines and procedures.
- Reaffirm and strengthen the links with OCHCA, particularly related to screening, testing, and contact tracing.
- Encourage parent, teachers, staff, and students to attend strategic zoom sessions to assure understanding of plan and key mitigation measures (social distancing, masks, washing hands etc.) as well as the value of the UCI Pilot Research Program (e.g., objectives, testing, contact tracing etc.) and fears concerning virus transmission resulting from onsite classes and events. El Sol will respond quickly through varied means including webinars, zoom conferencing, phone calls, and email exchanges to parents, teacher, student issues and questions.
- Initiate calls to parents to foster discussion concerning their observations of El Sol’s hybrid approach. Teachers and staff will attend on site and zoom discussions led by El Sol’s leadership concerning perceptions of the good and not so good and areas of opportunity to improve the hybrid model.

Brief surveys will be used every six months to secure the views of parents or caregivers concerning their child or children’ El Sol education and learning experiences. Survey results will be communicated to parents as to aggregate or summary.

Privacy
El Sol will use the above approaches to, generally, inform the El Sol community of the incidence of asymptomatic and symptomatic COVID-19 affecting El Sol parents, students, teachers, and staff. Data and analyses will only be provided in the aggregate and, except as required by law, will not identify specific affected parents, students, teachers, and staff. El Sol will make reasonable efforts to respond to media requests regarding COVID-19’s impact on the school and the results of mitigation initiatives.

Protocols
Most of El Sol’s guidelines as stated above provide specifics as to behavior of teachers, students, and staff, but some such as deep cleaning will require a specific protocol. Similarly, the procedures for screening, testing, contact tracing and self-quarantine involving multiple groups and individuals will be subject to a protocol prepared by El Sol to assure success.
Questions and Answers

What determines whether schools are conducting in-person learning or distance learning?
Using health data, schools can reopen for in-person instruction once their county has been in the Substantial (red) tier for at least two weeks. Schools must follow the Blueprint for a Safer Economy to reopen or if they must close again.

What are the health and safety requirements for schools doing in-person learning?

- Everyone entering the school must do daily health checks.
- If someone experiences symptoms while at school, they will be sent home.
- Masks are strongly recommended for all staff and students. Younger students should be encouraged to wear masks.
- Staff members must maintain 6 feet distance from each other and students. Students should maintain 6 feet distance as practicable.

What happens if someone gets COVID-19 at my child’s school?

- A classroom goes home when there is a confirmed case.
- A school should switch to distance learning when there are multiple positive cases in multiple classroom cohorts.
- A district should switch to distance learning if 25% of schools in the district are closed within a 14-day period
- https://covid19.ca.gov/education/
APPENDIX II: COVID-19 STUDENT SCENARIO CHART

Student Symptom Decision Tree

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<td>Headache</td>
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<td>Difficulty breathing</td>
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<td>Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea</td>
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Management of Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

- **Students who have COVID-19 symptoms**
  - Isolate for 10 days
    1. Isolation may end **IF:**
       - Symptoms resolve within 24 hours without the use of fever reducing agents **OR**
       - A COVID-19 test taken as early as the day of symptom onset is negative **OR**
       - An alternative diagnosis is obtained from a health care provider (provider’s note must be on file)
    2. If unable/unwilling to test must continue isolation through day 10 from the start of symptoms
    3. Isolation is not required for more than 10 days from the start of symptoms
    4. Recommended to wear a well-fitting mask at all times around other people through day 10

- **Students who test positive for COVID-19**
  - Isolate for at least 5 days from the date of positive test
    1. Positive student may end isolation **IF:**
       - They are experiencing no COVID-19 symptoms **AND**
       - A COVID-19 test taken on day 5 or later is negative
    2. If unable/unwilling to test on day 5 or later **OR** again test positive, continue isolation through day 10 from the date of first positive test
    3. Recommended to wear a well-fitting mask at all times around other people through day 10
APPENDIX II: COVID-19 STUDENT SCENARIO CHART (cont.)

Exposure In School Setting (includes on campus, on the bus, during sports/extracurricular activities)

Schools should notify students who were exposed to someone having COVID-19 during their period of infectiousness.

- Notifications should be provided to ALL students considered exposed regardless of vaccine status or prior history of COVID-19 infection.

Notification should occur to ‘groups’ of exposed students (e.g. classmates, teammates, cohorts, etc.) and may include:

- Date(s) of exposure
- Student may remain in school and participate in all activities unless they develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19
- It is recommended that your student wear a mask, especially for the next 10 days
- It is recommended that your student be tested within 3-5 days after the last date that the individual with COVID-19 was in school
- If your student develops symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19, please ensure they isolate at home immediately

Exposure Outside the School Setting

- Student may remain in school and participate in all activities unless they develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19
- It is recommended that your student be tested within 3-5 days after the last date of exposure to the infected individual
- It is recommended that your student wear a mask around others for the next 10 days

Definitions:

- **Exposure**: Student spent more than a cumulative total of 15 minutes (within a 24-hour time period) in a shared indoor airspace (e.g., classroom) with someone with COVID-19 during their period of infectiousness.

- **Primary Series of COVID-19 Vaccines**: The initial dose(s) of a COVID-19 vaccine. For Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines, the primary series is two vaccine doses. For the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine, the primary series is a single vaccine dose.

- **COVID-19 Test**: Antigen tests, nucleic acid amplification tests (PCR or NAA), or LAMP are acceptable, but **antigen testing is preferred to end isolation**. Home/over-the-counter tests are acceptable. Exposed students who had COVID-19 within the last 90 days do not need to be tested after exposure but should monitor for symptoms. If symptoms develop, they should isolate and get tested with an antigen test even if they’ve had COVID-19 previously.

- **Resources for COVID Testing**:
  - https://health.choc.org/guide/covid-19/#test

This care pathway was designed to assist school personnel and is not intended to replace the clinician’s judgment or establish a protocol for all patients with a particular condition. Diagnosis and treatment should be under the close supervision of a qualified health care provider, including school nurses. This guidance is based on current evidence and best data at the time of publication. Updates are provided to reflect changes in knowledge about the impact of the disease on children and adolescents (04.07.2022).

For more detailed guidance, see the California Department of Public Health: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/
APPENDIX III: COVID-19 STAFF SCENARIO CHART

Return to Work Following Exposure to COVID
Updated April 13, 2022

MAY CONTINUE TO WORK
1. No need to quarantine IP:
   • Test within 3-5 days after last exposure with a negative result
   • Must wear face coverings around others for 10 days after exposure, especially in indoor settings
   • If symptoms develop, must stay home until a negative test result is obtained

STAY HOME
1. Stay home for at least 5 days
2. May return to work if negative test for COVID on or after day 5 AND symptoms are not present or are resolving
3. If unable to test/choose not to or still testing positive on Day 5 or later, isolation may end after day 10 if fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications
4. Isolation should continue until 24 hours after fever resolves. Should there be symptoms other than fever, continue to isolate until symptoms are resolving OR until after day 10
5. Must wear face coverings around others for a total of 10 days after exposure, especially in indoor settings

*If you have COVID-19 symptoms, regardless of vaccination status or previous infection:
1. Self-isolate and test as soon as possible. For symptomatic persons who have tested positive in the previous 90 days, using an antigen test is preferred
2. Remain in isolation while waiting for results. If unable or unwilling to test, must continue isolation for 10 days after symptom onset
3. Consider continuing self-isolation and retesting in 1-2 days if testing negative with an antigen test, particularly if tested during the first 1-2 days of symptoms

Return to Work

COVID Symptoms
Fever > 100.4 F
Loss of taste or smell
Difficulty Breathing
New Onset Cough
Congestion/Runny Nose
Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea
Sore Throat
Headache
Fatigue/Muscle or Body Aches

Someone with COVID-19 is defined as anyone with a laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness, who has not tested

COVID exposure occurs when sharing the same indoor airspace for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period during an infected person’s infectious period.

TIP:
If you have symptoms get tested right away. If you were exposed and don’t have symptoms, it is best to wait 3-5 days after last exposure to be tested.

This care pathway was designed to assist school personnel and is not intended to replace the clinician’s judgment or establish a protocol for all patients with a particular condition. Diagnoses and treatment should be under the close supervision of a qualified healthcare provider, including school nurses. This guidance is based on current evidence and the best data at the time of publication. Updates are provided to reflect changes in knowledge about the impact of the disease on children and adolescents (Feb 15-2022).
APPENDIX IV: CLASSROOM LAYOUT