COVID-19 Prevention Program

An Addendum to the Injury and Illness Program

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(a) Scope.
(1) This program applies to all employees and all places of employment, with the following exceptions:

(A) Work Locations with one employee who does not have contact with other persons.

(B) Employees working from home.

(C) Employees with occupational exposure as defined by section 5199, Aerosol Transmissible Diseases, when covered by that section.

D) Employees teleworking from a location of the employee’s choice, which is not under the control of the employer.

(b) Definitions. The following definitions apply:

“Close Contact” means being within six feet of a COVID-19 case for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or greater in any 24-hour period within or overlapping with the “high-risk exposure period” defined by this section. This definition applies regardless of the use of face coverings.

EXCEPTION: Employers have not had a close contact if they wore a respirator required by the employer and used in compliance with section 5144, whenever they were within six feet of the COVID-19 case during the high-risk period.

“COVID-19” means the disease caused by SARS-CoV-2 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 21. 2 (SARS-CoV-2).

“COVID-19 case” means a person who:

(1) Has a positive “COVID-19 test” as defined in this section; or has a positive COVID-19 diagnosis from a licensed health care provider; or

(2) Is subject to COVID-19-related order to isolate issued by a local or state health official; or

(3) Has died due to COVID-19, in the determination of a local health department or per inclusion in

“COVID-19 hazard” means potentially infectious material that may contain SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Potentially infectious materials include airborne droplets, small particle aerosols, and airborne droplet nuclei, which most commonly result from a person or persons exhaling, talking or vocalizing, coughing, or sneezing, or from procedures performed on persons which may aerosolize saliva or respiratory tract fluids. This also includes objects or surfaces that may be contaminated with SARS-CoV-2.

“COVID-19 symptoms” means the following unless a licensed health care professional determines the person’s symptoms were caused by a known condition other than COVID-19.

- fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
- chills
- cough
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- fatigue
- muscle or body aches
• headache
• new loss of taste or smell
• sore throat
• congestion or runny nose
• nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea,

“COVID-19 test” means a test for SARS-CoV-2 that is:

(A) Cleared, approved, or authorized, including in an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to detect current infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus (e.g., a viral test);

(B) Administered in accordance with the authorized instructions; and

C) Not both self-administered and self-read unless observed by the employer or an authorized telehealth proctor. Examples of tests that satisfy this requirement include tests with specimens that are processed by a laboratory (including home or on-site collected specimens which are processed either individually or as pooled specimens) proctored over-the-counter tests, point of care tests, and tests where specimen collection and processing is either done or observed by an employer.

“Exposed group” means all employees at a work location, working area, or a common area at work, where an employee COVID-19 case was present at any time during the high-risk exposure period. A common area at work includes bathrooms, walkways, hallways, aisles, break or eating areas, and waiting areas. The following exceptions apply:

(A) For the purpose of determining the exposed group, a place where persons momentarily pass through while everyone is wearing face coverings, without congregating, is not a work location, working area, or a common area at work.

(B) If the COVID-19 case was part of a distinct group of employees who are not present at the workplace at the same time as other employees, for instance a work crew or shift that does not overlap with another work crew or shift, only employees within that distinct group are part of the exposed group.

(C) If the COVID-19 case visited a work location, working area, or a common area at work for less than 15 minutes during the high-risk exposure period, and the COVID-19 case was wearing a face covering during the entire visit, other people at the work location, working area, or common area are not part of the exposed group.

NOTE: An exposed group may include the employees of more than one employer. See Labor Code sections 6303 and 6304.1.

“Face covering” means a surgical mask, a medical procedure mask, a respirator worn voluntarily, or a tightly woven fabric or non-woven material of at least two layers. (i.e., fabrics that do not let light pass through when held up to a light source) that completely covers the nose and mouth and is secured to the head with ties, ear loops, or elastic bands that go behind the head. If gaiters are worn, they shall have two layers of fabric or be folded to make two layers. A face covering is a solid piece of material without slits, visible holes, or punctures, and must fit snugly over the nose, mouth, and chin with no large gaps on the outside of the face. A face covering does not include a scarf, ski mask, balaclava, bandana, turtleneck, collar, or single layer fabric.
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This definition includes clear face coverings or cloth face coverings with a clear plastic panel that, despite the non-cloth material allowing light to pass through, otherwise meet this definition and which may be used to facilitate communication with people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing or others who need to see a speaker's mouth or facial expressions to understand speech or sign language respectively.

“Fully vaccinated” means the employer has documented A person's status two weeks after completing primary vaccination with a COVID-19 vaccine with, if applicable, at least the minimum recommended interval between doses in accordance with the approval authorization or listing that is:

1. Approved or authorized for emergency use by the FDA
2. Listed for emergency use by the World Health Organization (WHO); or
3. Administered as part of a clinical trial at a U.S. site if the participant is documented to have primary vaccination with the active (not placebo COVID-19 vaccine candidate, for which vaccine efficacy has been independently confirmed e.g., by a data and safety monitoring board or if the clinical trial participant at U.S. sites had received a COVID-19 vaccine that is neither approved nor authorized for use by FDA but is listed for emergency use by WHO; or

(B) A person's status two weeks after receiving the second dose of any combination of two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine that is approved or authorized by the FDA or listed as a two-dose series by the WHC (i.e. a heterologous primary series of such vaccines receiving doses of different COVID-19 vaccines as part of one primary series The second dose of the series must not be received earlier than 17 days (21 days with a 4 day grace period) after the first dose.

“High-risk exposure period” means the following time period:

1. For COVID-19 cases who develop COVID-19 symptoms: from two days before they first develop symptoms until all of the following is true: it has been 10 days since symptoms first appeared; 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications; and symptoms have improved.
2. For COVID-19 cases who never develop COVID-19 symptoms, from two days before until 10 days after the specimen for their first positive test for COVID-19 was collected.

“Respirator” means a respiratory protection device approved by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to protect the wearer from particulate matter, such as an N95 filtering face piece respirator.

“Worksite,” for the limited purposes of COVID-19 prevention regulations only, means the building, store, facility, agricultural field, or other location where a COVID-19 case was present during the high-risk exposure period. It does not apply to buildings, floors, or other locations of the employer that a COVID-19 case did not enter, locations where the worker worked by themselves without exposure to other employees, or to a worker's personal residence or alternative work location chosen by the worker when working remotely.

NOTE: The term worksite is used for the purpose of notice requirements in subsections (c)(3)(B)3. and 4. only.

(c) Written COVID-19 Prevention Program Components.
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Amador County Unified School District and Amador County Office of Education (District) has developed this written COVID-19 Prevention Program, in accordance with TITLE 8, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 4, Subchapter 7. General Industry Safety Orders Section 3205, COVID-19 Prevention.

The District’s Prevention Program has been developed in accordance with the issued guidance from the State of California Department of Public Health and Cal/OSHA (Appendix A).

Elements of the COVID-19 Prevention Program include:

(1) System for communicating.

The District will do all of the following in a form readily understandable by employees:

(A) Employee Reports:

All employees of the District are to, without fear of reprisal, report to their Supervisor or Manager any of the following:

1. **COVID-19 symptoms:** If any employee is experiencing any of the identified symptoms of COVID-19
2. **Possible COVID-19 close contacts:** If any employee has been within six feet of a COVID-19 case for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or greater in any 24-hour period within or overlapping with the “high risk exposure period. This definition applies regardless of the use of face coverings.
3. **Possible COVID-19 hazards at the workplace:** If any employee becomes aware of a possible hazard in the workplace that could increase the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19.

Methods of Reporting:

1. **To Whom:** Lisa Yarborough, Classified HR Analyst
2. **How:** By phone (257-5390) or by email: lyarborough@acusd.org
3. **When:** Immediately upon learning of the information

(B) Procedures for accommodating employees with medical or other conditions that put them at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness.

Employees with written documentation of a medical condition will go through the interactive process with the human resources office to determine what accommodations can be provided.

(C) Access to COVID-19 testing.

Testing is required in accordance with this written program.

Antigen rapid tests and PCR tests are available free of charge for all students and staff at all school sites. Results are sent to employees and students confidentially via email and/or text message from the Primary.Health system. Students and staff who receive a positive test result can expect to be excluded from school (the workplace) immediately and will be given instructions for return at that time.
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(D) COVID-19 hazards and the District’s COVID-19 policies and procedures to protect employees and other employers, persons, and entities within or in contact with the employer’s workplace.

To help protect employees and prevent additional spread and to keep our schools open, our students and staff will be required to practice the following personal prevention measures:

- Mask Wearing
- Daily health screening (passive)
- Hand hygiene
- Increased ventilation and air circulation
- Screening testing
- Abiding by quarantine and isolation requirements
- Cough/sneeze etiquette

NOTE: See subsections (c)(3)(C) and (c)(3)(D) for confidentiality requirements for COVID-19 cases.

(2) Identification and evaluation of COVID-19 hazards.

(A) Identification and evaluation of COVID-19 hazards

The district will include opportunities for employee and authorized employee representative participation in the identification and evaluation of COVID-19 hazards as follows;

Any employee may submit a report of a COVID-19 hazard within the workplace using the following Google Form. [COVID-19 Hazard Reporting Form] Paper copies will also be available in every school office. When the hazard has been corrected, this will be noted on the Google Form and reported back to the employee.

(B) Employee Symptom Screening

The District has implemented a process for screening employees for and responding to employees with COVID-19 symptoms. Staff and students must self-screen for symptoms at home daily. This is called passive screening. If a person is sick or exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, they may not come to school and will follow Stay at Home and Return to School Requirements. Signs of illness include fever or chills (100.4 degrees or higher), cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea per CDC guidelines.

(C) Response to COVID-19 case

The district has developed COVID-19 policies and procedures to respond effectively and immediately to individuals at the workplace who are a COVID-19 case to prevent or reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in the workplace.

Individuals who have symptoms of illness must be immediately separated to prevent possible transmission of disease to others. Individuals who are sick should go home or to a healthcare facility depending on the severity of their symptoms. Sick students and sick staff must:
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i. Be quickly separated from other students/staff until picked up by parent/guardian
ii. Maintain more than 6 feet of distance from others, preferably in a separate room that is well ventilated
iii. Wear a disposable mask
iv. Attending staff must use standard precautions when assisting a sick individual. For suspected COVID-19 this includes, disposable face mask, eye covering/face shield and gloves
v. Call parent/guardian for immediate pick up
   1. If a parent/guardian cannot pick up students, consider procedures for arranging transportation to their home
   2. Provide parent/guardian or staff member with Stay at Home/When to Return to School instructions
vi. Disinfect all surfaces after the student/staff leaves and before use by others
vii. If COVID-19 is suspected, contact your school nurse or Human Resources. Follow Communicable Disease Response Protocols for notifying Human Resources for possible outbreaks of infectious disease

Collect and track illness-related absence information at the time of student or staff absence.

i. Train attendance staff to support contract tracing as directed by the Amador County Health Department
ii. School site staff responsible for entering attendance data into Aeries will also list reasons for illness, symptoms, and date of onset in the “Comments” section

Follow HIPAA confidentiality laws noting that communicable disease concerns are confidential, and all staff are expected to protect health information.

Contact the Human Resources Department

Designated Human Resources staff will report all COVID-19 diagnoses, as well as any unusually high number of illness-related student and staff absences, to Amador County Public Health. Amador County Public Health and ACUSD will coordinate response to COVID-19 cases within the confidentiality framework of HIPPA and FERPA. The Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Labor Relations will be the point of contact for all staff related cases and the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services will be the point of contact for all student related cases.

Require students and staff to remain home per Stay at Home Requirements.

i. Stay home if experiencing the following symptoms of illness: fever or chills (100.4 degrees or higher), cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea. * Subject to change as revised by CDC.
ii. Stay home if advised to isolate or quarantine by your doctor or the health department due to COVID-19 precautions. Reasons may include:
   1. Recent contact with a person with COVID-19
   2. Recent diagnosis with COVID-19
   3. Recent travel from anywhere with widespread COVID transmission

iii. The current CDPH guidance will be used to determine stay at home, isolation, or quarantine lengths on a case by case basis

Additional activities may be required as advised by Human Resources following county health department orders.

(D) Workplace Assessment
The district will conduct a workplace-specific assessment to identify all interactions, areas, activities, processes, equipment, and materials that could potentially expose employees to COVID-19 hazards.

The District will take universal precautions and treat all persons, regardless of symptoms or negative COVID-19 test results, as potentially infectious.

1. This shall include identification of places and times when people may congregate or come in contact with one another, regardless of whether employees are performing an assigned work task or not, for instance during meetings or trainings and including in and around entrances, bathrooms, hallways, aisles, walkways, elevators, break or eating areas, cool-down areas, and waiting areas.

2. This shall include an evaluation of employees’ potential workplace exposure to all persons at the workplace or who may enter the workplace, including coworkers, employees of other entities, members of the public, customers or clients, and independent contractors. Employers shall consider how employees and other persons enter, leave, and travel through the workplace, in addition to addressing stationary work.

(E) Ventilation Systems
For indoor locations, the District will evaluate how to maximize ventilation with outdoor air the highest level of filtration efficiency compatible with the existing ventilation system; and whether the use of portable or mounted High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtration units, or other air cleaning systems, would reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

(F) Ongoing monitoring and review of orders and guidance
The District will monitor and review applicable orders and guidance from the State of California and the local health department related to COVID-19 hazards and prevention. These orders and guidance are both information of general application including Interim guidance for ventilation, Filtration, and Air Quality in indoor environments by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and information specific to the employer’s industry, location, and operations.

(G) Evaluate existing prevention controls
The District will evaluate existing COVID-19 prevention controls at the workplace and the need for different or additional controls.
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(H) Periodic Inspections
The District will conduct periodic inspections as needed to identify unhealthy conditions, work practices, and work procedures related to COVID-19 and to ensure compliance with employers’ COVID-19 policies and procedures.

(3) Investigating and responding to COVID-19 cases in the workplace.

(A) Procedure to investigate COVID-19 cases in the workplace.
This includes procedures for verifying COVID-19 case status, receiving seeking information from employees regarding COVID-19 cases and close contacts, COVID-19 test results and onset of COVID-19 symptoms, and identifying and recording COVID-19 cases.

(B) Response to a COVID-19 case in the workplace:
The District will take all of the following steps in response to a COVID-19 case in the workplace.

1. Determine the day and time the COVID-19 case was last present and, to the extent possible, the date of the positive COVID-19 test(s) and/or diagnosis, and the date the COVID-19 case first had one or more COVID-19 symptoms, if any were experienced.
2. Determine who may have had a close contact. This requires an evaluation of the activities of the COVID-19 case and all locations at the workplace which may have been visited by the COVID-19 case during the high-risk exposure period.

Note: See subsection (c)(10) for exclusion requirements for employees after a close contact.

3. **Within one business day** of the time the employer knew or should have known of a COVID-19 case, the employer shall give written notice in a form readily understandable by employees, that people at the worksite may have been exposed to COVID-19. The notice shall be written in a way that does not reveal any personal identifying information of the COVID-19 case, and in a manner the employer normally uses to communicate employment-related information. Written notice may include, but is not limited to, personal service, email, or text message if it can reasonably be anticipated to be received by the employee within one business day of sending. The notice shall include the cleaning and disinfection plan required by Labor Code section 6409.6 (a) (4). The notice must be sent to the following:

   a. All employees who were on the premises at the same worksite as the COVID-19 case during the high-risk exposure period. If the employer should reasonably know that an employee has not received the notice, or has limited literacy in the language used in the notice, the employer shall provide verbal notice, as soon as practicable, in a language understandable by the employee.

   b. Independent contractors and other employers on the premises at the same worksite as the COVID-19 case during the high-risk exposure period.

4. **Within one business day** of the time the employer knew or should have known of the COVID-19 case, the employer shall provide the notice required by Labor Code section 6409.6 (a) (2) and (c) to the authorized representative, if any, of the COVID-19 case and of any employee who had a close contact; and provide the notice required by Labor Code section 6409.6 (a) (4) to the authorized representatives, if any, of any employee who was on the premises at the same worksite as the COVID-19 case during the high-risk exposure period.
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5. Make COVID-19 testing available at no cost during paid time, to all employees of the employer who had a close contact in the workplace and provide them with the information on benefits described in subsections (c)(5)(B) and (c)( 9)(D) with the following exceptions:

COVID-19 cases who returned to work pursuant to subsection 3205(c)(10)(A) or (B) and have remained free of COVID-19 symptoms, for 90 days after the initial onset of COVID-19 symptoms or, for COVID-19 cases who never developed symptoms, for 90 days after the first positive test.

6. Investigate whether workplace conditions could have contributed to the risk of COVID-19 exposure and what could be done to reduce exposure to COVID-19 hazards.

(C) Confidentiality of Personal Identifying Information
All personally identifying information regarding COVID-19 cases or persons with COVID-19 symptoms, and any employee medical records required by this section or by sections 3205.1 through 3205.4, shall be kept confidential, unless is required or permitted by law.

Unredacted information on COVID-19 cases shall be provided to the local health department, CDPH, the Division, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), or as otherwise required by law immediately upon request.

(4) Correction of COVID-19 hazards.
The District has implemented policies and/or procedures for correcting unsafe or unhealthy conditions, work practices, policies and procedures in a timely manner based on the severity of the hazard.

Any employee may submit a report of a COVID-19 hazard within the workplace using the following Google Form. COVID-19 Hazard Reporting Form Paper copies will also be available in every school office. All reports will be immediately investigated and corrected. When the hazard has been corrected, this will be noted on the Google Form and reported back to the employee.

(5) Training and instruction.
The District has developed a training program for all employees with instruction to employees including, but not limited to, the following:

- The District’s COVID-19 policies and procedures to protect employees from COVID-19 hazards, and how to participate in the identification and evaluation of COVID-19 hazards.
- Information regarding COVID-19-related benefits to which the employee may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws. This includes any benefits available under legally mandated sick and vacation leave, if applicable, workers’ compensation law, local governmental requirements, the employer’s own leave policies, and leave guaranteed by contract and this section.
- The fact that COVID-19 is an infectious disease that can be spread through the air when an infectious person talks or vocalizes, sneezes, coughs, or exhales; that COVID19 may be transmitted when a person touches a contaminated object and then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth, although that is less common; and that an infectious person may have no symptoms.
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- The fact that particles containing the virus can travel more than six feet, especially indoors, so physical distancing, face coverings, increased ventilation indoors, and respiratory protection decrease the spread of COVID-19, but are most effective when used in combination.

- The employer’s policies for providing respirators, and the right of employees who are not fully vaccinated to request a respirator for voluntary use as stated in this section, without fear of retaliation and at no cost to employees. Whenever respirators are provided for voluntary use under this section or sections 3205.1 through 3205.4:
  1. How to properly wear the respirator provided;
  2. How to perform a seal check according to the manufacturer’s instructions each time a respirator is worn, and the fact that facial hair interferes with a seal.

- 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. COVID-19 is an airborne disease. N95s and more protective respirators protect the users from airborne disease while face coverings primarily protect people around the user.

- COVID-19 symptoms, and the importance of not coming to work and obtaining a COVID-19 test if the employee has COVID-19 symptoms.

- Information on the employer’s COVID-19 policies; how to access COVID-19 testing and vaccination; and the fact that vaccination is effective at preventing COVID-19, protecting against both transmission and serious illness or death.

- The conditions under which face coverings must be worn at the workplace and that face coverings are additionally recommended outdoors for people who are not fully vaccinated if six feet of distance between people cannot be maintained. Employees can request face coverings from the employer at no cost to the employee and can wear them at work, regardless of vaccination status, without fear of retaliation.

(6) Face coverings-for all employees who are not fully vaccinated.

(A) The District will:

- Comply with all public health orders regarding face coverings
- Provide face coverings to all employees as needed
- Ensure they are worn by employees when:
  - indoors or in vehicles
  - and where required by orders from the CDPH or local health department.
- Ensure that required face coverings are clean and undamaged, and they are worn over the nose and mouth.
- Ensure face shields are not used as a replacement for face coverings, although they may be worn together for additional protection.
- The following are exceptions to the face coverings requirement for unvaccinated employees:
  1. When an employee is alone in a room or in a vehicle.
  2. While eating or drinking at the workplace, provided employees are at least six feet apart and outside air supply to the area, if indoors, has been maximized to the extent feasible.
  3. Employees wearing respirators required by the employer and used in compliance with section 5144.
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4. Employees who cannot wear face coverings due to a medical or mental health condition or disability, or who are hearing-impaired or communicating with a hearing-impaired person.

5. Specific tasks which cannot feasibly be performed with a face covering. This exception is limited to the time period in which such tasks are actually being performed.

(B) Employees exempted from wearing face coverings pursuant to subsection (c) (6) (D) 4. Due to a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability shall wear an effective non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom, if their condition or disability permits it. If their condition or disability does not permit a non-restrictive alternative the employee shall be at least six feet apart from all other persons and either fully vaccinated or tested at least weekly for COVID-19 during paid time and at no cost to the employee.

(C) Any employee not wearing a face covering pursuant to the exceptions and not wearing a non-restrictive alternative when allowed under this plan, shall be at least six feet apart from all other persons unless the unmasked employee is either fully vaccinated or tested at least weekly for COVID-19 during paid time and at no cost to the employee. The provisions in this plan cannot be used as an alternative to face coverings when face coverings are otherwise required.

(D) The District will not prevent any employee from wearing a face covering when not required by this section, unless it would create a safety hazard, such as interfering with the safe operation of equipment.

(E) When face coverings are not required by this section or by sections 3205.1 through 3205.4, employers shall provide face coverings to employees upon request, regardless of vaccination status.

(F) The District will implement the following measures to communicate to non-employees the face coverings requirements on their premises:

   All schools have signs around campus notifying visitors that masks must be worn at all times while indoors.

(8) Other engineering controls, administrative controls, and personal protective equipment.

(A) Maximize Outdoor Air
For buildings with mechanical or natural ventilation, or both, the District will maximize the quantity of outside air provided to the extent feasible, except when the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Air Quality Index is greater than 100 for any pollutant or if opening windows or maximizing outdoor air by other means would cause a hazard to employees, for instance from excessive heat or cold.

(B) Cleaning and Disinfecting
The District has implemented cleaning and disinfecting procedures, which require:

1. Identifying and regularly cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects, such as doorknobs, elevator buttons, equipment, tools, handrails, handles, controls, phones, headsets, bathroom surfaces, and steering wheels. The District will inform employees and authorized employee representatives of cleaning and disinfection protocols, including the planned frequency and scope of cleaning and disinfection.
2. Cleaning of areas, material, and equipment used by a COVID-19 case during the high-risk exposure period, and disinfection if the area, material, or equipment is indoors and will be used by another employee within 24 hours of the COVID-19 case.

NOTE: Cleaning and disinfecting must be done in a manner that does not create a hazard to employees. See Group 2 and Group 16 of the General Industry Safety Orders for further information.

(C) Handwashing Facilities
To protect employees from COVID-19 hazards, the District will evaluate its handwashing facilities, determine the need for additional facilities, encourage and allow time for employee handwashing, and provide employees with an effective hand sanitizer. Employers shall encourage employees to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds each time. Provision or use of hand sanitizers with methyl alcohol is prohibited.

(D) Personal protective equipment.
1. The District will evaluate the need for personal protective equipment to prevent exposure to COVID-19 hazards, such as gloves, goggles, and face shields, and provide such personal protective equipment as needed.
2. Upon request, employers shall provide respirators for voluntary use in compliance with subsection 5144(c)(2) to all employees who are not fully vaccinated and who are working indoors or in vehicles with more than one person. Whenever an employer makes respirators for voluntary use available, under this section or sections 3205.1 through 3205.4, the employer shall encourage their use and shall ensure that employees are provided with a respirator of the correct size.
3. The District will provide and ensure use of respirators in compliance with section 5144 when deemed necessary by the Division through the Issuance of Order to Take Special Action, in accordance with title 8 section 332.3.
4. The District will provide and ensure use of eye protection and respiratory protection in compliance with section 5144 when employees are exposed to procedures that may aerosolize potentially infectious material such as saliva or respiratory tract fluids.

NOTE: Examples of work covered by subsection (c)(8)(E)4. include, but are not limited to, certain dental procedures and outpatient medical specialties not covered by section 5199.

(9) Reporting, recordkeeping, and access.
(A) Local Public Health
The District will report information about COVID-19 cases and outbreaks at the workplace to the local health department whenever required by law, and shall provide any related information requested by the local health department. The employer shall report all information to the local health department as required by Labor Code section 6409.6.

(B) Injury & Illness Prevention Program
The District will maintain records of the steps taken to implement the written COVID-19 Prevention Program in accordance with section 3203(b).

(C) Access to the COVID-19 Prevention Program
The written COVID-19 Prevention Program shall be made available at the workplace to employees, authorized employee representatives, and to representatives of the Division immediately upon request.
(D) Access to COVID-19 Case Records
The District will keep a record of and track all COVID-19 cases with the employee’s name, contact information, occupation, location where the employee worked, the date of the last day at the workplace, and the date of a positive COVID-19 test.

(10) Exclusion of COVID-19 cases and employees who had close contact

The purpose of this section is to limit transmission of COVID-19 in the workplace.

(A) COVID-19 Cases
The District will ensure that COVID-19 cases are excluded from the workplace until the return to work requirements in section (c) 10 are met, unless one of the exceptions below apply:

1. Employees who were fully vaccinated before the close contact and who do not develop COVID-19 symptoms do not need to be excluded if they wear a face covering and maintain six feet of distance from others at the workplace for 14 days following the last date of close contact.

2. COVID-19 cases who returned to work pursuant to subsection (c)(10)(A) and have remained free of COVID-19 symptoms do not need to be excluded from the workplace; for 90 days after the initial onset of COVID-19 symptoms. This exception only applies if these employees wear a face covering and maintain six feet of distance from others while at the workplace for 14 days following the last date of close contact.

3. COVID-19 cases who returned to work pursuant to subsection (c) (10)(B) who never developed COVID-19 symptoms do not need to be excluded from the workplace for 90 days after the first positive test. This exception only applies if these employees wear a face covering and maintain six feet of distance from others while at the workplace for 14 days following the last date of close contact.

(C) If the employer does not exclude an employee who had a close contact as permitted by exceptions in subsections (c)(9)(B)1. 2. or 3. the employer shall provide the employee with information about any applicable precautions recommended by CDPH for persons with close contact.

(B) COVID-19 Exposure Cases
The District will exclude from the workplace employees who had close contact until the return to work requirements are met outlined in this document with the following exceptions:

1. Employees who were fully vaccinated before the close contact and who do not develop COVID-19 symptoms; and

2. COVID-19 cases who returned to work pursuant to subsection (c)(10)(A) or (B) and have remained free of COVID-19 symptoms, for 90 days after the initial onset of COVID-19 symptoms or, for COVID-19 cases who never developed COVID-19 symptoms, for 90 days after the first positive test.

(C) Earnings & Benefits while excluded
For employees excluded from work the District will continue and maintain the employee’s earnings, wages, seniority, and all other employee rights and benefits, including the employee's right to their former job status, as if the employee had not been removed from their job.

The District may use employer-provided employee sick leave benefits for this purpose to the extent permitted by law. Wages due under this subsection are subject to existing wage payment obligations and must be paid at the employee’s regular rate of pay no later than the regular pay day for the pay period(s) in which the employee is excluded. Unpaid wages owed under this subsection are subject to enforcement
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through procedures available in existing law. If an employer determines that one of the exceptions below applies, it shall inform the employee of the denial and the applicable exception.

**EXCEPTION 1:** Subsection (c)(9)(C) does not apply where the employee received disability payments or was covered by workers compensation and received temporary disability.

**EXCEPTION 2:** Subsection (c)(10)(C) does not apply where the employer demonstrates that the close contact is not work related.

(D) This section does not limit any other applicable law, employer policy, or collective bargaining agreement that provides for greater protections.

(E) Information on Benefits & Leaves
At the time of exclusion, the District will provide the employee the information on available benefits and leaves as required.

**Return to work criteria.**

(A) COVID-19 cases with COVID-19 symptoms shall not return to work until:
   1. At least 24 hours have passed since a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medications; and
   2. COVID-19 symptoms have improved; and
   3. At least 10 days have passed since COVID-19 symptoms first appeared.

(B) COVID-19 cases who tested positive but never developed COVID-19 symptoms shall 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.

(C) A negative COVID-19 test shall not be required for an employee to return to work.

(D) Persons who had a close contact may return to work as follows:
   1. Persons who had a close contact but never developed any COVID-19 symptoms may return to work when after 14 days have passed since the last known close contact unless either of the this document applies:
      a. Ten days have passed since the last known dose contact and the person wears a face covering and maintains six feet of distance from others while at the workplace for 14 days following the last date of close contact.
      b. Seven days have passed since the last known close contact; the person tested negative for COVID-19 using a COVID-19 test with the specimen taken at least five days after the last known close contact; and the person wears a face covering and maintains six feet of distance from others while at the workplace for 14 days following the last date of close contact.
   2. Persons who had a close contact and developed any COVID-19 symptom cannot return to work until the requirements of subsection (c)(10)(A) have been met.
(E) If an order to isolate quarantine or exclude an employee is issued by a local or state health official

The employee shall 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 shall be in accordance with the return to work periods in this document.

Guidance from the California Department of Public Health

(E) Division approval of return to work
If there are no violations of local or state health officer orders for isolation or quarantine, or exclusion would result the Division may, upon request, allow employees to return to work on the basis that the removal of an employee would create undue risk to a community’s health and safety. In such cases, the District will develop, implement, and maintain effective control measures to prevent transmission in the workplace including providing isolation for the employee at the workplace and, if isolation is not feasible, the use of respirators in the workplace.

*Note: Authority cited: Section 142.3, Labor Code. Reference: Sections 142.3 and 144.6, Labor Code.*
§ 3205.1. Multiple COVID-19 Infections and COVID-19 Outbreaks.

(a) Scope.
(1) This section applies to a workplace covered by section the District COVID-19 Prevention Program if:
   - The exposed workplace covered by section 3205 if three or more employee COVID-19 cases within an exposed group, visited the workplace during their high-risk exposure period at any time during a 14-day period.

(2) This section shall apply until there are no new COVID-19 cases detected in the exposed group for a 14-day period.

(b) COVID-19 testing.
(1) The District will make COVID-19 testing available at no cost to its employees within the exposed group, during employees’ paid time, except:
   - Employees who are not present at the workplace during the relevant 14-day period(s).
   - For COVID-19 cases who did not develop COVID-19 symptoms after returning to work pursuant to subsections 3205(c)(10)(A) or (B), no testing is required for 90 days after the initial onset of COVID-19 symptoms or, for COVID-19 cases who never developed symptoms, 90 days after the first positive test.

(2) COVID-19 testing shall consist of the following:
   - (A) Immediately upon being covered by this section, testing should be made available to all employees in the exposed group and then again one week later. Negative COVID-19 test results of employees with COVID-19 exposure shall not impact the duration of any quarantine, isolation, or exclusion period required by, or orders issued by, the local health department.
   - (B) After the first two COVID-19 tests required by (b)(2)(A), The District will make COVID-19 testing available once a week at no cost, during paid time, to all employees in the exposed group who remain at the workplace, or more frequently if recommended by the local health department, until this section no longer applies pursuant to subsection (a)(2).
   - (C) District will make additional testing available at no cost to employees, during employees’ paid time, when deemed necessary by the Division through the Issuance of Order to Take Special Action, in accordance with title 8 section 332.3.

(c) Investigation of workplace COVID-19 illness.

The employer shall continue to comply with all applicable provisions of the COVID 19 Prevention Program, and shall also do the following:

(1) Employees in the exposed group shall wear face coverings when indoors, or when outdoors and less than six feet from another person, unless one of the exceptions in subsection 3205(c)(6)(D) applies.

(2) Employers shall give notice to employees in the exposed group of their right to request a respirator for voluntary use under this program if they are not fully vaccinated.

(3) Employers shall evaluate whether to implement physical distancing of at least six feet between persons or, where six feet of physical distancing is not feasible, the use of cleanable solid partitions of sufficient size to reduce COVID-19 transmission.
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(d) COVID-19 Investigation, review and hazard correction.

In addition to the requirements of our COVID-19 Prevention Program the District will immediately perform a review of potentially relevant COVID-19 policies, procedures, and controls and implement changes as needed to prevent further spread of COVID-19. The investigation and review shall be documented and include:

(1) Investigation of new or unabated COVID-19 hazards including the employer's leave policies and practices and whether employees are discouraged from remaining home when sick; the employer’s COVID-19 testing policies; insufficient outdoor air; insufficient air filtration; and lack of physical distancing.

(2) The review shall be updated every thirty days that this section to continues to apply, in response to new information or to new or previously unrecognized COVID-19 hazards, or when otherwise necessary.

(3) The District will implement changes to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 based on the investigation and review required by our COVID-19 Prevention Program. The District will consider moving indoor tasks outdoors or having them performed remotely, increasing outdoor air supply when work is done indoors, improving air filtration, increasing physical distancing as much as feasible, requiring respiratory protection in compliance with section 5144 and other applicable controls.

(f) Buildings and structures with mechanical ventilation.

Employers shall filter recirculated air with Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) 13 or higher efficiency filters if compatible with the ventilation system. If MERV-13 or higher filters are not compatible with the ventilation system, employers shall use filters with the highest compatible filtering efficiency. Employers shall also evaluate whether portable or mounted High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtration units or other air cleaning systems would reduce the risk of transmission and, if so, shall implement their use to the degree feasible.

Note: Authority cited: Section 142.3, Labor Code. Reference: Sections 142.3 and 144.6, Labor Code.
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§ 3205.2. Major COVID-19 Outbreaks.

(a) Scope.
(1) This section applies to any workplace covered by our COVID-19 Prevention Program if:
   • 20 or more employee COVID-19 cases in an exposed group, as defined by section 3205 (b), visited the workplace during the high-risk exposure period within a 30-day period.

(2) This section shall apply until there are fewer than three COVID-19 cases detected in the exposure group for a 14-day period.

(b) COVID-19 testing.

Employers shall continue to comply with section 3205.1, except that the COVID-19 testing described in section 3205.1(b) shall be made available to all employees in the exposed group, regardless of vaccination status or more frequently if recommended by the local health department.

(1) The District will provide a respirator for voluntary use in compliance with subsection 5144 (c) (2) to employees in the exposed group and shall determine the need for a respiratory protection program or changes to an existing respiratory protection program under section 5144 to address COVID-19 hazards.

(2) Any employees in the exposed group who are not wearing respirators required by the employer and used in compliance with section 5144 shall be separated from other persons by at least six feet, except where an employer can demonstrate that six feet of separation is not feasible, and except for momentary exposure while persons are in movement. Methods of physical distancing include: telework or other remote work arrangements; reducing the number of persons in an area at one time, including visitors; visual cues such as signs and floor markings to indicate where employees and others should be located or their direction and path of travel; staggered arrival, departure, work, and break times; and adjusted work processes or procedures, such as reducing production speed, to allow greater distance between employees. When it is not feasible to maintain a distance of at least six feet, individuals shall be as far apart as feasible.

(3) At work stations where an employee in the exposed group is assigned to work for an extended period of time, such as cash registers, desks, and production line stations, and where the physical distancing requirement in subsection (c)(2) is not maintained at all times, the employer shall install cleanable solid partitions that effectively reduce transmission between the employee and other persons.

(4) The District will evaluate whether to halt some or all operations at the workplace until COVID-19 hazards have been corrected.

(5) Any other control measures deemed necessary by the Division through the Issuance of Order to Take Special Action, in accordance with title 8 section 332.3.

Note: Authority cited: Section 142.3, Labor Code. Reference: Sections 142.3 and 144.6, Labor Code.
Appendix A: Guidance

Employers - General Guidance

- California Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Find the status of activities in your county
- CDC Guidance for Travel-Domestic
- CDC Guidance for Travel-International
- CDC Guidance Masking
- Industry guidance to reduce risk
- Responding to COVID-19 in the Workplace for Employers-ETS
- Side by Side Comparison of COVID-19 Paid Leave

Guidance - K-12 Education

- Follow this guidance for schools and school-based programs

Face Covering Information

- Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings
- Face coverings, masks, and respirators – Information & Overview
- Face coverings, masks & respirators - Handout
- Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19 – CDC Recommendations
- Voluntary use of N95 masks - Cal/OSHA

California Healthy Schools Act & Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

- Do I need training to use a disinfectant?
- IPM Training for School Staff - Online Training Options
- Reminders for Using Disinfectants for Schools and Child Care
- What About Hand Sanitizers?
- EPA Approved Cleaners
- Disinfecting Foger Tips
- EPA Supports Healthy Indoor Environments in Schools During COVID-19 Pandemic

Americans with Disabilities Act - U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

- Pandemic Preparedness in the Workplace and the Americans with Disabilities Act
- What You Should Know About COVID-19 and the ADA, the Rehabilitation Act, and Other EEO Laws

Appendix B: Cal/OSHA Regulations

https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/ETS.html
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Appendix C: CDPH School Guidance:
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2021-22-School-Year.aspx – Updated January 12, 2022

Appendix D: DISTRICT Mask Enforcement Policy:

For students who are not exempt from wearing a face covering per the CDPH Face Coverings Guidance updated August 2, 2021 section titled, “Safety Measures for K-12 Schools – Item #1: Masks”, the following enforcement process will apply:

- Students will be redirected by staff any time a mask is not worn, or not worn properly, while indoors on school property.

- Students refusing to wear a mask after being redirected by a staff member to do so, or after being provided a mask by a staff member, will be referred to the office for consultation. A staff member will meet with the student and review all CDPH guidelines and emphasize proper mask wearing requirements.

- If a student continues to not follow redirection after meeting with school staff, a meeting with the principal, parent and student will be scheduled immediately.

Students continuing to refuse to wear a mask after the parent conference will have the following options - Option 1: Go through the Mask Exemption Process if applicable, or Option 2: Enroll in the district’s Independent Study/Virtual Learning program option.