

2022-2023 TCSOS COVID SAFETY PLAN

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This document has been created in compliance with the [CDPH Safe Schools for All guidance](#) and the [Cal/OSHA Statewide Industry Guidance](#). This is a living document and will be adapted and changed throughout the school year with input from the Tuolumne County Public Health Department, [California Department of Public Health](#) and [Cal/OSHA](#).

Employees:

- The State and local public health orders apply to all TCSOS contracted employees and volunteers.
- Employees and volunteers have two options: show proof of full vaccination or test every week.
- Procedures for showing proof will be sent to employees by Human Resources. Verification forms for volunteers will be provided by HR on an as needed basis.
- Employees can get the vaccine through Tuolumne County Public Health. To make an appointment, please sign up at MyTurn.ca.gov.

Students:

Covid-19 vaccinations are not required. TCSOS offer opportunities for vaccination. Individuals may sign up at MyTurn.ca.gov.

Use of Face Masks

Masks are not required by students or staff except under certain circumstances. Please see tables below for details.

Health Screening

Staying Home When Sick and Getting Tested

Students and staff who have symptoms of any infectious illness, such as influenza (flu) or COVID-19, should stay home.

- Students are not required to complete any screening tool.
- All staff must submit answers to the electronic self-screening tool each work day.

Screening & Diagnostic Testing

TCSOS will provide opportunities for COVID-19 testing to reduce the risk of transmission and to prevent outbreaks.

- Cal OSHA requirements, all unvaccinated employees must take a weekly COVID-19 test. Tests will be available using an at-home test kit. More information will be sent directly to employees.
- Antigen (Binax) rapid test are available to all students upon request from a parent/guardian. Contact the Health Services Office to request a test: (209)536-2045.

TCSOS will continue to:

- Provide access to testing for all individuals who are exposed to a COVID-19 case.
- Offer testing to employees who are vaccinated but wish to test on a regular basis.

STUDENT GUIDELINES

Table 1: Student Isolation:

Students Who Test Positive for COVID-19	
<p>Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, previous infection or lack of symptoms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay home (PDF) for at least 5 days after start of symptoms (or after date of first positive test if no symptoms). Isolation can end after Day 5 if symptoms are not present or are resolving and a diagnostic specimen* collected on Day 5 or later tests negative. If unable to test, choosing not to test, or testing positive on Day 5 (or later), isolation can end after Day 10 if fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications. If fever is present, isolation should be continued until 24 hours after fever resolves. If symptoms, other than fever, are not resolving, continue to isolate until symptoms are resolving or until after Day 10. If symptoms are severe, or if the infected person is at high risk of serious disease, or if they have questions concerning care, infected persons should contact their healthcare provider for available treatments. Per CDPH masking guidance, infected persons should wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings (see masking section below for additional information). <p>*Antigen test preferred.</p>

Table 2: Students who are a Close Contact:

Asymptomatic Persons Who are Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 (No Quarantine)	
<p>Everyone, regardless of vaccination status.</p> <p>Persons infected within the prior 90 days do not need to be tested, quarantined, or excluded unless symptoms develop.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should test within 3-5 days after last exposure. Per CDPH masking guidance, close contacts should wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings and when near those at higher risk for severe COVID-19 disease (see masking section below for additional information). Strongly encouraged to get vaccinated or boosted. If symptoms develop, test and stay home (see earlier section on symptomatic persons), AND If test result is positive, follow isolation recommendations above (Table 1).

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CCR § 2526

§ 2526. Exclusion and Readmission by School Authorities; California Code of Regulations

It shall be the duty of the principal or other person in charge of any public, private or Sunday School to exclude therefrom any child or other person affected with a disease presumably communicable, until the expiration of the prescribed period of isolation for the particular communicable disease. If the attending physician, school physician, or health officer finds upon examination that the person is not suffering from a communicable disease, he may submit a certificate to this effect to the school authority who shall readmit the person.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 207, 208 and 3123, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 200, 207, 3051, 3053, 3110, 3118 and 3123, Health and Safety Code.

EMPLOYEE GUIDELINES

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

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

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

<p>Requirements apply to all employees, regardless of vaccination status, previous infection, or lack of symptoms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees who test positive for COVID-19 must be excluded from the workplace for at least 5 days after start of symptoms or after date of first positive test if no symptoms. • Isolation can end and employees may return to the workplace after day 5 if symptoms are not present or are resolving, and a diagnostic specimen* collected on day 5 or later tests negative. • If an employee’s test on day 5 (or later) is positive, isolation can end and the employee may return to the workplace after day 10 if they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications. • If an employee is unable to or choosing not to testⁱ, isolation can end, and the employee may return to the workplace after day 10 if they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications. • If an employee has a feverⁱⁱ, isolation must continue and the employee may not return to work until 24 hours after the fever resolves without the use of fever-reducing medications.ⁱⁱⁱ • If an employee’s symptoms other than fever are not resolving, they may not return to work until their symptoms are resolving or until after day 10. • Employees must wear face coverings around others for a total of 10 days. Please refer the FAQs regarding face coverings for additional information <p>*Antigen test preferred.</p>
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Table 2: CDPH Guidance for Close Contacts – Employees Who Are Exposed to Someone with COVID-19. (Applies to All Employees Except those in High-Risk Settings)

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