



COVID-19 Prevention Program

An Addendum to the Injury and Illness Program

*In accordance with TITLE 8, DIVISION 1, CHAPTER 4, Subchapter 7.
General Industry Safety Orders Section 3205, COVID-19 Prevention*

Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools

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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 coronavirus disease, an infectious disease caused by the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 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 the COVID-19 statistics of a county.

“COVID-19 hazard” means ~~exposure to~~ 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, ~~among other things~~. 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

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- 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 viral test for SARS-CoV-2 that is:

- (1) Approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or has an Emergency Use Authorization from the FDA to diagnose current infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus; and
- (2) Administered in accordance with the FDA approval or the FDA Emergency Use Authorization as applicable.

“**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. A face covering has no visible holes or openings and must, cover the nose and mouth. A face covering does not include a scarf, ski mask, balaclava, bandana, turtleneck, collar, or single layer fabric.

“**Fully vaccinated**” means the **employer has documented** that the person received, at least 14 days prior, either the second dose in a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series or a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccines must be FDA approved; have an emergency use authorization from the FDA; or, for persons fully vaccinated outside the United States, be listed for emergency use by the World Health Organization (WHO).

“**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.

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(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.

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.

Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools 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:** Employee Supervisor, Executive Director Human Resources
2. **How:** Through daily COVID screening, email, phone call.
3. **Where:** Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools
4. **When:** Through daily screening, contact Supervisor/Human Resources

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

Employees who are at high risk from COVID-19 are entitled to engage in an interactive process meeting with their supervisor, and Human Resources in order to identify and determine appropriate accommodations, if any.

(C) Access to COVID-19 testing.

Testing is required in accordance with this written program.

Testing is provided weekly and accessible by registering at <https://www.tcsos.us/screening/tcsos-surveillance-testing/>

(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.

Refer to: <https://www.tcsos.us/required-postings/>

Refer to: Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Back to School Plan,

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

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TCSOS regularly reviews applicable orders and general and industry-specific guidance from the State of California, Cal/OSHA, and the local health department related to COVID-19 hazards and prevention. Orders and guidance are reviewed collaboratively in a variety of countywide group meetings including Superintendents' meetings, Cabinet meetings, Leadership meetings, weekly meetings with Tuolumne County Public Health, Superintendent Council meetings, staff meetings, and other meetings as needed. The Tuolumne County Public Health Department has designated a Public Health Liaison and a Physician as a source of support, guidance, and collaborative communication during the pandemic.

Supervisors shall periodically conduct workplace-specific evaluations using Template I: Identification of COVID-19 Hazards.

Supervisors shall conduct periodic inspections as needed, to identify unhealthy conditions, work practices, and work procedures related to COVID-19 and to ensure compliance with our COVID-19 policies and procedures.

Employees are encouraged to participate in the identification and evaluation of potential COVID-19 hazards by maintaining ongoing reciprocal verbal and written communication with supervisors, administration, staff meetings, superintendent council meetings.

Employees shall be educated and empowered by management to respectfully remind others to follow all policies, procedures, and practices adopted related to COVID-19.

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(B) Employee Symptom Screening

The District has implemented a process for screening employees for and responding to employees with COVID-19 symptoms.

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All TCSOS employees, substitute employees and volunteers determined to be on worksites or remote work are required to affirm by signature that they will engage in daily wellness screening required and established by the Tuolumne County Public Health Department. Screenings shall be completed prior to performing work that includes a self-assessment wellness check that they are free from symptoms consistent with COVID-19 CDC guidelines. Employees may screen through the TCSOS website, App for smart phones, <https://www.tcsos.us/screening/>

Certain employees will be required to engage in on-site screening procedures consistent with the host school site adopted procedures including but not limited to temperature checks, documentation that they are symptom free, and/or COVID-19 testing.

(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.

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All employees shall affirm that they will immediately report to their supervisor and School Nurse or Human Resources if they have symptoms of COVID-19, have been diagnosed with COVID-19, have recently had close contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19.

If an employee is not feeling well and is exhibiting symptoms that may be attributed to COVID-19 and are not due to a known or chronic condition, the employee shall immediately return home, go to a healthcare facility if needed, or self-isolate until they can be safely transported away from the worksite to the appropriate place, ensuring they are wearing a face covering and physically distanced from others.

Human Resources, School Nurse, or Supervisor shall inform employees they must go home or to a healthcare facility as needed if they are visibly exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and not due to a known or chronic condition.

TCSOS shall provide employees with appropriate resources on COVID-19 including how to seek medical care and what to do in the event they have symptoms, such as that provided on CDC about what to do if you are sick.

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Employees with a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 shall be excluded from the workplace until return-to-work requirements consistent with state and local public health guidelines have been met.

A negative COVID-19 test shall not be required for an employee to return to work from isolation.

Return to work criteria for employees with a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 on isolation and who are symptomatic shall include:

- At least 10 days have passed since the date of the onset of symptoms;
- At least 24 hours have passed since a fever of 100.4 or higher has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medication;
- COVID-19 symptoms have improved.

Return to work criteria for employees with a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 on isolation and who are asymptomatic shall include:

- A minimum of 10 days has passed since the date of the specimen collection of their first positive COVID-19 test.

If an order to isolate or quarantine an employee is issued by the local or state health official, the employee so ordered 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 relevant return-to-work criteria shall be met.

Employees excluded from the workplace due to a positive confirmed case of COVID-19 or a close contact exposure to COVID-19 that has been determined as work-related shall maintain earnings, seniority, and all other employee rights and benefits for the duration of the isolation or quarantine where permitted by law and when not covered by workers' compensation.

Employees excluded from the workplace shall be provided with a staff notification letter within 24 hours from knowledge of the need for exclusion that includes information on where and how free COVID-19 tests can be obtained, available leaves and benefits, and the disinfection and safety plan that TCSOS will implement or complete. See attached: (Notification of Employee Potential Exposure to COVID-19 in the Workplace).

Employees who have had potential exposure to COVID-19 in the workplace, as determined through contact tracing, shall be offered COVID-19 testing at no cost during their established work schedule.

Employees who have had potential exposure to COVID-19 in the workplace shall be provided with information on COVID-19-related benefits to which the employee may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws.

TCSOS shall work closely with the Tuolumne County Public Health Department so that they may engage in proper contact tracing and timely notification to any individuals who may be affected by a COVID-19 case. Employee information shared with Public Health may include the employee's work location, work hours, general and specific work duties, if the employee has traveled to multiple worksites recently, and the last day the employee was at work. The employee's name and date of birth will not be disclosed unless asked by the health officials. Additional information provided to Public Health may include which others have been in close contact with the individual with COVID-19.

Any physical space that has been identified as exposed to an individual with COVID-19 shall be closed for 24 hours and then disinfected by staff trained and wearing proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

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(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, TCSOS 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 TCSOS 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

TCSOS will evaluate existing COVID-19 prevention controls at the workplace and the need for different or additional controls.

(H) Periodic Inspections

TCSOS 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.

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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

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. 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 disinfection plan required by Labor Code section 6409.6 (a) (4). The notice must be sent to the following:

- a. All employees at the worksite during the high-risk exposure period. 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 at the worksite during the high-risk exposure period.
3. 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 of any employee at the worksite during the high-risk exposure period.
4. Make COVID-19 testing available at no cost during paid time, to all employees of the employer who had a close contract in the workplace and provide them with the information on benefits described in subsections (c)(5)(B) and (c)(C) with the following exceptions:
 - a. Employees who were fully vaccinated before the close contact and do not have COVID-19 symptoms.
 - b. 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.
5. 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.

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(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 TCSOS 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.

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Unsafe or unhealthy work conditions, practices or procedures will be documented reported to the Supervisor and Facilities Maintenance through the TCSOS Help Desk <https://www.tcsos.us/technology-services/tcsos-helpdesk/> Facilities & Maintenance will correct in a timely manner based on the severity of the hazards.

(5) Training and instruction.

TCSOS 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.
- 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.

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- 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 possible-feasible.
 3. Employees wearing respirators required by the employer and used in compliance with section 5144.
 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 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.

(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

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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) TCSOS 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) TCSOS will implement the following measures to communicate to non-employees the face coverings requirements on their premises:

(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

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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. TCSOS 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. TCSOS 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

TCSOS 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 11 are met.

(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

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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, TCSOS 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.

TCSOS may use employer-provided employee sick leave 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 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

(11) 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 10 days have passed since the last known close contact.

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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, unless all of the following are true:

- a. The person tested negative for COVID-19 using a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test with specimen taken after the onset of symptoms; and
- b. At least 10 days have passed since the last known close contact; and
- c. The person has been symptom-free for at least 24 hours, without using fever-reducing medications.

(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 subsection (11) (A).

Guidance from the California Department of Public Health:

[Guidance on Returning to Work or School Following COVID-19 Diagnosis](#)

[Self-Quarantine Instructions for Individuals Exposed to COVID-19](#)

[Self-Quarantine Guidance for Individuals Exposed to COVID-19](#) These instructions are for people who have been in close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

[Self-Isolation Instructions for Individuals Who Have or Likely Have COVID-19](#)

[Self-Isolation Guidance for Individuals Who Have or Likely Have COVID-19](#) These instructions are for people who have or likely have COVID-19. They include information for households, families, caregivers, or close contacts.

(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 possible 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.

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§ 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) TCSOS will make COVID-19 testing available at no cost to its employees within the exposed group, during employees' paid time, except

(A) Employees who are not present at the workplace during the relevant 14-day period(s).

(B) Employees who were fully vaccinated before section 3205.1 became applicable to the workplace and who do not have COVID-19 symptoms.

(C) 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 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.

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(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.

(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 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.

§ 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 ~~no new~~ COVID-19 cases detected in the exposure group for a 14-day period.

(b) COVID-19 testing.

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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.

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- [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

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California Healthy Schools Act & Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

- [Do I need training to use a disinfectant?](#)
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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

Subchapter 7. General Industry Safety Orders § 3205. COVID-19 Prevention.

(a) Scope.

(1) This section applies to all employees and 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.

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

(2) Nothing in this section is intended to limit more protective or stringent state or local health department mandates or guidance.

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(b) Definitions. The following definitions apply to this section and to sections 3205.1 through 3205.4.

“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: Employees 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 exposure period.

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

“COVID-19 case” means a person who:

- (1) Has a positive “COVID-19 test” as defined in this section; or
- (2) Has a positive COVID-19 diagnosis from a licensed health care provider; or
- (3) Is subject to COVID-19-related order to isolate issued by a local or state health official; or
- (4) Has died due to COVID-19, in the determination of a local health department or per inclusion in the COVID-19 statistics of a county.

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

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

- (1) Approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or has an Emergency Use Authorization from the FDA to diagnose current infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus; and
- (2) Administered in accordance with the FDA approval or the FDA Emergency Use Authorization as applicable.

“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. A face covering has no visible holes or openings and must, which covers the nose and mouth. A face covering does not include scarf, ski mask, balaclava, bandana, turtleneck, collar, or single layer fabric.

“Fully vaccinated” means the employer has documented that the person received, at least 14 days prior, either the second dose in a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series or a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccines must be FDA approved; have an emergency use authorization from the FDA; or, for persons

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fully vaccinated outside the United States, be listed for emergency use by the World Health Organization (WHO).

“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 are true: it has been 10 days since after 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.

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. Employers shall establish, implement, and maintain an effective, written COVID-19 Prevention Program, which may be integrated into the employer's Injury and Illness Program required by section 3203, or be maintained in a separate document. The written elements of a COVID-19 Prevention Program shall include:

(1) System for communicating. The employer shall do all of the following in a form readily understandable by employees:

(A) Ask employees to report to the employer, without fear of reprisal, COVID-19 symptoms, possible close contact and possible COVID-19 hazards at the workplace.

(B) Describe how employees with medical or other conditions that put them at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness can request accommodations.

(C) Provide information about access to COVID-19 testing, as described in this document when

(D) In accordance with subsection (c)(3)(B)3., communicate information about COVID-19 hazards and the employer's COVID-19 policies and procedures to employees and to other employers, persons, and entities within or in contact with the employer's workplace.

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) The employer shall allow for employee and authorized employee representative participation in the identification and evaluation of COVID-19 hazards.

(B) The employer shall develop and implement a process for screening employees for and responding to employees with COVID-19 symptoms. The employer may ask employees to evaluate their own

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symptoms before reporting to work. If the employer conducts screening indoors at the workplace, the employer shall ensure that face coverings are used during screening by both screeners and employees who are not fully vaccinated and, if temperatures are measured, that non-contact thermometers are used.

(C) The employer shall develop 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.

(D) The employer shall conduct a workplace-specific identification of all interactions, areas, activities, processes, equipment, and materials that could potentially expose employees to COVID-19 hazards. Employers shall 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) For indoor locations, the employer shall evaluate how to maximize ventilation with ~~of~~ 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) The employer shall 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) The employer shall evaluate existing COVID-19 prevention controls at the workplace and the need for different or additional controls. This includes evaluation of controls in subsections (c)(4), (c)(6) and (c)(8).

(H) The employer shall 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) Employers shall have an effective procedure to investigate COVID-19 cases in the workplace. This includes procedures for 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) The employer shall take the following actions when there has been a COVID-19 case at the place of employment:

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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)(910) 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. 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 disinfection plan required by Labor Code section 6409.6(a)(4). The notice must be sent to the following:

a. All employees at the worksite 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 at the worksite 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 of any employee at the worksite during the high-risk exposure period.

5. 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)(910)(C), with the following exceptions:

a. Employees who were fully vaccinated before the close contact and do not have COVID-19 symptoms.

b. 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 any 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) Personal identifying information of 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 disclosure is required or permitted by law. Unredacted information on COVID-19 cases shall be provided to the local health department, CDPH, the Division, and immediately upon request, and when required by law

(4) Correction of COVID-19 hazards. Employers shall implement effective 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. This includes, but is not limited to, implementing controls and/or

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policies and procedures in response to the evaluations conducted under subsections (c)(2) and (c)(3) and implementing the controls required by subsection (c)(6) through (c)(8).

(5) Training and instruction. The employer shall provide effective training and instruction to employees that includes the following:

(A) The employer'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 under subsection (c)(2)(A).

(B) 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 vaccination leave, if applicable, workers' compensation law, governmental requirements, the employer's own leave policies, and leave guaranteed by contract, and this section.

(C) 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 COVID-19 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.

(D) 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.

(E) 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.

(F) 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.

(G) 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.

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

(I) 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.

(J) 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

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cost to the employee and can wear them at work, regardless of vaccination status, without fear of retaliation.

(6) Face coverings.

(A) For all employees who are not fully vaccinated, Employers shall provide face coverings and ensure they are worn when indoors or in vehicles.

(B) Employers shall provide face coverings and ensure they are worn by employees when required by orders from the CDPH

(C) Employers shall ensure that required face coverings are clean and undamaged, and that they are worn over the nose and mouth. Face shields are not a replacement for face coverings, although they may be worn together for additional protection.

(D) When employees are required to wear face coverings under this section or sections 3205.1 through 3205.4, The following are exceptions apply:

1. When an employee is alone in a room or 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 ~~or~~

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.

(E) Employees exempted from wearing face coverings 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.

(F) Any employee not wearing a face covering, shall be at least six feet apart from all other persons unless the unmasked employee either fully vaccinated or is tested at least weekly for COVID-19 during paid time and at no cost to the employee. Employers may not use as an alternative to face coverings when face coverings are otherwise required by this section.

(G) No employer shall 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.

(H) 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.

(I) Employers shall implement measures to communicate to non-employees the face coverings requirements on their premises.

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

(A) For buildings with mechanical or natural ventilation, or both, employers shall 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

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maximizing ~~letting in~~ outdoor air by other means would cause a hazard to employees, for instance from excessive heat or cold.

(B) Employers shall implement 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 employer shall inform employees and authorized employee representatives of cleaning and disinfection protocols, including the planned frequency and scope of ~~regular~~ 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) To protect employees from COVID-19 hazards, the employer shall 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. Employers shall 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.

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. Employers shall 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. Employers shall 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.

(E) Testing of symptomatic employees. Employers shall make COVID-19 testing available at no cost to employees with COVID-19 symptoms who are not fully vaccinated, during employees' paid time.

(9) Reporting, recordkeeping, and access.

(A) The employer shall 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

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the local health department. The employer shall report all information to the local health department as required by Labor Code section 6409.6..

(B) The employer shall maintain records of the steps taken to implement the written COVID-19 Prevention Program in accordance with section 3203(b).

(C) 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) The employer shall 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 subsection is to limit transmission of COVID-19 in the workplace.

(A) Employers shall ensure that COVID-19 cases are excluded from the workplace until the return to work requirements of subsection (c)(10) are met.

(B) Employers shall exclude from the workplace employees who had close contact until the return to work requirements in this prevention plan are met, 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) For employees excluded from work under subsection (c)(10)(B), employers shall continue and maintain an 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.

Employers may use employer-provided employee sick leave for this purpose to the extent permitted by law.

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.

EXCEPTION 1: Subsection (c)(10)(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) Subsection (c)(10) does not limit any other applicable law, employer policy, or collective bargaining agreement that provides for greater protections.

(E) At the time of exclusion, the employer shall provide the employee the information on benefits described in subsections (c)(5)(B) and (c)(10)(C).

(10) Return to work criteria.

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(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) Once a COVID-19 case has met the requirements in this prevention plan, 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 10 days have passed since the last known 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, unless all of the following are true:
 - a. The person tested negative for COVID-19 using a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test with specimen taken after the onset of symptoms; and
 - b. At least 10 days have passed since the last known close contact; and
 - c. The person has been symptom-free for at least 24 hours, without using fever-reducing medications.
3. During critical staffing shortages, when there are not enough staff to provide safe patient care, essential critical infrastructure workers in the following categories may return after Day 7 from the date of last exposure if they have received a negative PCR COVID-19 test result from a specimen collected after Day 5:
 - a. Health care workers who did not develop COVID-19 symptoms;
 - b. Emergency response workers who did not develop COVID-19 symptoms; and
 - c. Social service workers who did not develop COVID-19 symptoms and who work face to face with clients in child welfare or assisted living.

(E) If an order to isolate or 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 prevention plan.

(E) If no violations of local or state health officer orders for isolation quarantine, or exclusions 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 employer shall 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.

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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 3205 if it three or more employee COVID-19 cases within an exposed group, as defined by section 3205(b), 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 employer shall make COVID-19 testing available at no cost to its employees within the exposed group, during employees' paid time, except:

(A) Employees who were not present at the workplace during the relevant 14-day period(s) under subsection (a).

(B) Employees who were fully vaccinated before section 3205.1 became applicable to the workplace and who do not have COVID-19 symptoms.

(C) 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 shall 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 subsection (b)(2)(A), employers shall 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 at least once per week, or more frequently if recommended by the local health department, until this section no longer applies pursuant to subsection (a)(2).

(c) Employers shall 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.

The employer shall continue to comply with all applicable provisions of section 3205, 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 subsection 3205(c)(7)(D)2., if they are not fully vaccinated.

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(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.

(e) COVID-19 Investigation, review and hazard correction. the employer shall 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 30 days that this section continues to apply, in response to new information or to new or previously unrecognized COVID-19 hazards, or when otherwise necessary.

(3) The employer shall implement changes to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 based on the investigation and review required by subsections (e)(1) and (e)(2). The employer shall 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 possible, requiring respiratory protection in compliance with section 5144, and other applicable controls.

(f) In buildings or 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.

§ 3205.2. Major COVID-19 Outbreaks.

(a) Scope.

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

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

(b) 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, twice a week, or more frequently if recommended by the local health (c) In addition to the requirements of sections 3205 and 3205.1, the employer shall take the following actions:

(1) The employer shall 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.

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- (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 employer shall 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.