

Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools: Appendix T1

Recent Updates (Changes highlighted in yellow)

7/28/21

- Reaffirms indoor masking requirement for everyone at K-12 schools regardless of vaccination status; customary exceptions apply
- Revised testing recommendations to include vaccinated individuals after COVID-19 exposure and in surveillance testing programs, if testing capacity allows.
- In alignment with current Health Officer Order, employees exempt from wearing masks indoors must be tested at least twice per week.
- Clarified that mask is not required when individual is the only person present in a room or contiguous workspace.
- Confirms that at this time, students granted a reasonable accommodation in the form of mask exemption due to a disability or other condition need not be excluded from in-person education. Strongly recommended that such students be tested for COVID-19 at least twice weekly.
- Students who are excluded from campus because they will not wear a face covering should be offered alternative educational opportunities.
- Clarifies that physical distancing strategies are still recommended as long as they do not interfere with full-time attendance for all students.
- PE classes falls under the 100% masking requirement if class is held indoors.
- Updated exposure guideline to note that fully vaccinated individuals who are close contacts to a case do not need to quarantine but it is strongly recommended that such individuals be tested after exposure regardless of vaccination status.

7/11/21

- Updated to remove the reference to the Youth Sports Protocol and Live Events Protocol at the end of the document and to adjust guidance around performing arts.
- Aligns with new CDPH masking guidance and new Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards. Clarifies that masks are not required outdoors.
- Clarifies that physical distancing, stable group cohorting and entry screening are best practice recommendations rather than requirements.

Water fountains may be used with proper flushing prior to use.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health is adopting a staged approach, supported by science and public health expertise, to enable schools serving students from transitional kindergarten through grade 12 to reopen safely. In addition to the conditions imposed on schools by the State Public Health Officer and the California Department of Education, schools must also be in compliance with these employee and student safety and infection control protocols.

Please note: This document may be updated as new information and resources become available. Go to <http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/> for updates to this document.

This document starts with a discussion of current provisions for on-campus education in Los Angeles County, followed by information about safety strategies specific to the school environment.

The TK-12 reopening checklist provides safety measures in five areas:

- (1) Workplace policies and practices to protect employee and student health
- (2) Measures to create distancing where feasible