

Summary of Recent Changes

The Observation of COVID-19 Symptoms form was revised and can be found in the Principal SharePoint. Abdominal pain was removed as a symptom of COVID-19. A Spanish version of the form is also available.

Based on the new guidance, DOH will accept both a rapid antigen test or a PCR test for students. An at-home rapid antigen test should not be accepted, unless it has been validated by the manufacturer.

A Protocol for COVID-19 document was created and can be shared with parents/guardians. This form can also be found in the Principal SharePoint. It explains the updated protocols for symptomatic, positive, close contacts, fully vaccinated and students with prior COVID-19 infections.

At this time, employees will still be following previous guidance DOH had in place for close contacts and positive employees.

- A positive employee may return once at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset and they have been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication and other symptoms have improved. If they are asymptomatic, they may return 10 days from the date they took their COVID-19 test.
- Employees identified as a close contact by DOH may return once at least 10 days have passed since the date of close contact as long as they remain asymptomatic.
- If the employee is considered fully vaccinated (>2 weeks have passed since they received their 2nd dose in a 2-dose COVID-19 vaccine series, or >2 weeks have passed since they received the one dose of a single dose series) and asymptomatic or they had COVID-19 in the past 90 days and remain asymptomatic, they may continue to work.

Employees with symptoms of COVID-19 should not report to work. It is recommended that they are referred for testing via Qualtrics or seen by their health care provider. They may return to work if they are cleared by their health care provider or they have a negative COVID-19 PCR test with improvement of symptoms.

Only report positive cases in Qualtrics if the employee or student has been on your campus in the past 7 days. Per DOH, cases reported after 7 days do not require a case investigation because the time frame for close contacts needing to quarantine will have passed by the time the case is completed. For unreported cases, please follow the guidance above for when an employee can return back to work or the Protocol for COVID-19 document for when students can return.

Thank you,

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