

# Changes to Student Quarantine

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# Public Health Update

- LACDPH updated the [COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan Guidance in TK-12 Schools](#) as of September 17, 2021



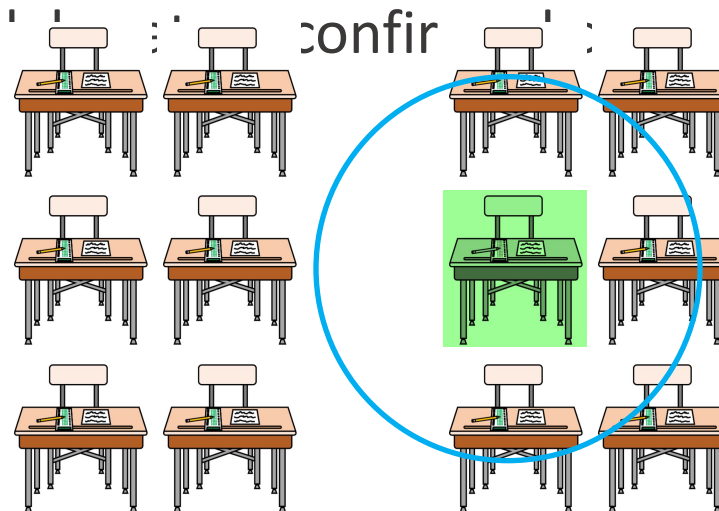


# Public Health Update: Close Contacts

- Individuals in the classroom or school group are no longer considered close contacts just because they are in the same room.
- An individual is considered a close contact if they are:
  - Exposed to an individual who has tested positive, and
  - Exposed during the two days before the person's symptoms began or two days before they were tested, and
  - Came within six feet for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (with or without masking); or
  - Had unprotected contact with the person's body fluids and/or secretions (coughed on, sneezed on, sharing utensils, kissing, providing care without PPE)

# Seating Charts

- Seating charts are now required for all classrooms, and student rosters are required for all extra-curricular programs and athletics to assist with identifying close contacts.
- Students who sit six feet or closer to the positive case are identified.
- Quarantine is **not** needed for:
  - Students sitting more than six feet from the positive case.
  - Students who are fully vaccinated.
  - Students who had a 'confirmed' case of COVID-19 within the past 90 days.





# Public Health Update: Optional Modified Quarantine

- A student identified as a close contact who is under quarantine orders and remains asymptomatic may be approved for modified quarantine if they meet specific criteria.
- If the criteria cannot be met, then the exposed student must remain in home quarantine.
- Prior to applying modified quarantine for a particular case, school administrators must certify in writing that all criteria have been met.
- School administrators must keep records of this verification and provide to Public Health upon request.



# Quarantine Comparison

	Home Quarantine	Modified Quarantine Option
<b>Definition of Close Contact</b>	Any individuals who came within six feet of an individual who tested positive for a total of 15 minutes or more within 2 days prior to illness onset, regardless of whether the contact was wearing a mask.	Same as home quarantine definition.
<b>Quarantine Requirement</b>	All close contacts who have not been fully vaccinated or have not had a laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19 within the past 90 days must quarantine at home.	Unvaccinated close contacts may attend in-person instruction, but must quarantine at home at all other times.
<b>Testing Requirement</b>	COVID testing is optional for students. Students who test negative on day 5-7 after exposure may return to school on day 8. Over-the-counter, home tests do not qualify.	COVID testing is mandatory for students two times during the quarantine period. Students must test negative on day 1-2 and day 5-7 after exposure in order for the quarantine restrictions to be lifted on day 8. Over-the-counter, home tests do not qualify.



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	Home Quarantine	Modified Quarantine Option
Masks	<p>Mandatory indoors and outdoors when physical distancing is a challenge (drop off, pick up, outdoor assemblies and drills).</p> <p>Strongly encouraged outdoors at all times.</p>	<p>Any students identified as close contacts and the individual who tested positive must have been wearing masks at all times, indoors and outdoors, except when eating or drinking, during the dates of exposure.</p> <p>Any eating or drinking must have occurred with at least six feet of distance between the close contacts and the positive case.</p> <p>Students identified as a close contacts must wear a mask indoors, outdoors, and on school buses at all times during modified quarantine.</p>



# Quarantine Comparison

	<b>Home Quarantine</b>	<b>Modified Quarantine Option</b>
<b>Meals</b>	Physical distancing and outdoor dining are encouraged when possible.	<p>Students identified as a close contacts must have been at least six feet away from the positive case when masks were not worn during snack, lunch, and when drinking.</p> <p>Students identified as a close contacts must eat snack/lunch and drink water at least six feet from all other students and preferably outdoors during days of quarantine.</p>
<b>Activities and Child Care</b>	Participation in extra-curricular activities, athletics, and child care are not allowed during quarantine.	Same as home quarantine.





# Staff Recommendation: Phase II Quarantine Model

- Adopt current Public Health recommendation to quarantine only individuals identified as close contacts who have not been fully vaccinated or have not had a laboratory confirmed case of COVID-19 within the past 90 days.
- Reassess every six weeks (November 2 Board Meeting)



# COVID-19 Testing

- Glendale Unified has administered 33,149 COVID tests since August 13.
- Includes weekly screening testing (students and employees), athletic testing, mandatory employee testing, close contacts, and return from quarantine.
- District received \$3.97 million in LACOE School-Based COVID-19 Testing funds. More than \$1 million has been spent to-date.



# COVID-19 Dashboard

Total Students	Confirmed Student Cases (Since 8/18)	Total Employees	Confirmed Employee Cases (Since 8/18)	% Cases Resulting in On-Site Exposure	Students/ Employees Identified as Close Contacts	# Possible On-Site Transmissions Verified by LACDPH	On-Campus Transmission Rate
24,498	160	2,930	11	0.62%	12,575	2	0.00%

- Total individuals at school and district facilities: 27,428
- % of cases resulting in on-site exposure: 0.62%
- On campus transmission rate: 0.00%



Questions?