

## SCESD COVID-19 COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL (REVISED 03.10.2023)

Below are Salinas City Elementary School District's Protocols on the Onset of Symptoms, Potential Exposure to and/or Close Contact with an Individual Testing Positive for COVID-19 in a School/Classroom Setting. Protocol may change based on up to date information from County and State agencies.

**For students, test results from a verified lab or clinic as well as at home testing will be considered for return to school after a report of a positive COVID case, exposure outside of the school setting or if the person is symptomatic.**

**For staff, test results from a verified lab or clinic or district provided testing will be considered for return to work after a report of a positive COVID case, exposure to COVID or if the person is symptomatic.**

SCENARIO 1	ACTION	COMMUNICATION
<p>Child or staff has symptoms of COVID-19 (based on student report and Health Staff observation)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Send home if at school</li> <li>2. Recommend testing.                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If <b>negative</b> see Scenario 2</li> <li>b. If <b>positive</b> see Scenario 3.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>If tested</b>, may return when:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Negative test result received. <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. At least 24 hrs since resolution of fever without fever reducing medications. <b>AND</b></li> <li>3. Other symptoms have significantly improved.</li> </ol> <p><b>If not tested</b>, may return when:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At least 24 hours since resolution of fever without fever reducing medication <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. Other symptoms have improved <b>OR</b></li> <li>1. Either a health care provider documents symptoms are typical of an underlying chronic condition or an alternate diagnosis</li> </ol> <p><b><i>School/Classroom Remains Open</i></b></p>	<p>None needed</p>
<p>Symptomatic <b>Child or Staff tests negative</b> OR a healthcare provider has provided documentation that the symptoms are attributed to another disease or condition</p>	<p>Follow school protocol for other non-COVID-19 illness, as applicable.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At least 24 hrs since resolution of fever without fever reducing medications. <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. Other symptoms have significantly improved</li> </ol> <p><b><i>School/Classroom Remains Open</i></b></p>	<p>None needed</p>

<p><b>SCENARIO 3</b></p> <p><b>Child or staff is confirmed positive with COVID-19</b></p>	<p><b>ACTION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exclude from school/work, to isolate for 5 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ from date of symptom onset</li> <li><b>OR</b></li> <li>○ if asymptomatic, from date specimen collected</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>May return after the 5th day, IF test Negative and is symptom free or symptoms have significantly Improved.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Staff or Student who test negative</b> and return to school/work earlier than 10 days, are highly recommended to wear a face covering around others for up until the 10th day.</li> </ul> <p><b>Students who test positive</b> on or after day 5, may retest again between day 6-10, and if negative may return to school after negative test is received.</p> <p><b>Staff who test positive</b> on or after day 5, may retest again between day 6-10, and if negative may return to work after the District confirmatory test is completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCESD COVID Team (District) identifies school close contacts.</li> <li>• Disinfects spaces where the person with COVID-19 spent significant time.</li> </ul> <p><i>School/Classroom Remains Open</i></p>	<p><b>COMMUNICATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive case calls the SCESD COVID Line: (831) 784-2205 to notify of COVID test results and receive guidance on next steps.</li> <li>• Notification to persons who were in a shared indoor space for 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period via Parent Square.</li> <li>• District notifies Monterey County Health Dept.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SCENARIO 4</b></p> <p><b>Child or Staff had close contact with someone who is confirmed positive with COVID-19,</b></p>	<p><b>ACTION</b></p> <p><b><u>Vaccinated OR Unvaccinated</u></b>  <b>IF <u>No Symptoms:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue to attend school/work</li> <li>2. Should wear a well fitted mask inside around others for their next 10 days following the date of last exposure</li> <li>3. Undergo testing within 3-5 days after their last close contact with a positive case. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the test is positive, see Scenario 3.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exposed students or staff who had COVID-19 within the last 30 days do not need to be tested after exposure but should monitor for symptoms.</li> <li>• If symptoms develop, see Scenario 1.</li> <li>• Students unconsented in Primary Health will receive a “Take-home COVID Test Kit.”</li> </ul> <p><i>School/Classroom Remains Open</i></p>	<p><b>COMMUNICATION</b></p> <p>No additional messaging needed. Initial notification should have been sent when the case was identified.</p> <p>SCESD COVID Team (AMLLC) contacts parents of students who are unconsented in Primary Health with further instruction on “Take-home COVID Test Kit.”</p>