SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Masks

- a. Masks are optional outdoors for all in K-8 school settings.
- b. It is recommended that K-8 students mask indoors where physical distancing is not obtainable unless an exemption is on file. **Please reference exemption form.**
- c. CCRCS will provide face coverings to students and staff who request one.
- 2. Physical distancing
 - a. Recent evidence indicates that in-person instruction can occur safely without minimum physical distancing requirements when other mitigation strategies are implemented.
 - b. CCRCS will implement practicable distancing at all times.
- 3. Ventilation recommendations:
 - a. CCRCS will ensure ventilation is optimized for all indoor spaces.
- 4. Recommendations for staying home when sick and getting tested:
 - a. Follow the strategy for Staying Home when Sick and Getting Tested
 - b. Getting tested for COVID-19 when symptoms are consistent with Covid -19 and contact trace to reduce possible spread.
 - c. Advise staff members and students with symptoms of COVID-19 infection not to return for in-person instruction until they have met CDPH criteria to return to school for those with symptoms:
 - i. At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; and
 - ii. Other symptoms have improved; and
 - iii. They have a negative test for SARS-CoV-2, OR a healthcare provider has provided documentation that the symptoms are typical of their underlying chronic condition (e.g., allergies or asthma) OR a healthcare provider has confirmed an alternative named diagnosis (e.g., Streptococcal pharyngitis, Coxsackie virus), **OR at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset.**
- 5. Screening testing recommendations:
 - a. CDPH has a robust State- and Federally-funded school testing program and subject matter experts available to support school decision making, including free testing resources to support screening testing programs (software, test kits, shipping, testing, etc.).
- 6. Case reporting, contact tracing and investigation

- a. Per AB 86 (2021) and California Code Title 17, section 2500, schools are required to report COVID-19 cases to the local public health department.
- b. Schools or LEAs should have a COVID-19 liaison to assist the local health department with contact tracing and investigation.
- 7. Quarantine recommendations for VACCINATED EXPOSURE TO POSITVE CASE:
 - 1. Do not need to quarantine if asymptomatic.
 - 2. Get tested if experiencing Covid-19 symptoms
 - 3. Follow isolation guidelines if they test positive for Covid-19
- 8. Quarantine recommendations for unvaccinated students for exposures when both parties were wearing a mask, as required in K-12 indoor settings. These are adapted from the CDC K-12 guidance and CDC definition of a close contact.

a. UNVACCINATED EXPOSURE TO POSITIVE CASE – BOTH MASKED:

When both parties were wearing a mask in any school setting in which students are supervised by school staff (including indoor or outdoor school settings and school buses, including on buses operated by public and private school systems), unvaccinated students who are close contacts (more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period within 0-6 feet indoors) may undergo a modified quarantine as follows. They may continue to attend school for in- person instruction if they:

- i. Are asymptomatic;
 - ii. Continue to appropriately mask;
 - iii. Undergo at least twice weekly testing during the 10-day quarantine; and
- 9. UNVACCINATED EXPOSURE NO MASK TO POSITIVE CASE:

Quarantine recommendations for: unvaccinated close contacts who were not wearing masks or for whom the infected individual was not wearing a mask during the indoor exposure; or unvaccinated students as described in #8 above.

- a. For these contacts, those who remain asymptomatic, meaning they have NOT had any symptoms, may discontinue self-quarantine under the following conditions:
 - i. 7 day quarantine with negative test on day 5 or later. Must mask through day 14 and remain asymptomatic.
 - ii. 10 day quarantine with no symptoms and no test. Must mask through day 14 and remain asymptomatic.

If any symptoms develop during this 14-day period, the exposed person must immediately isolate, get tested and contact their healthcare provider with any questions regarding their care.

10. Isolation recommendations

a. For both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons, follow the CDPH Isolation Guidance for those diagnosed with COVID-19.

11. Hand hygiene recommendations

- a. Teach and reinforce washing hands, avoiding contact with one's eyes, nose, and mouth, and covering coughs and sneezes among students and staff.
- b. Promote hand washing throughout the day, especially before and after eating, after using the toilet, and after handling garbage.
- c. Ensure adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors, including soap, tissues, no-touch trashcans, face coverings, and hand sanitizers with at least 60 percent ethyl alcohol for staff and children who can safely use hand sanitizer.

12. Cleaning recommendations

- a. In general, cleaning once a day is usually enough to sufficiently remove potential virus that may be on surfaces. Disinfecting (using disinfectants on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency COVID-19 list) removes any remaining germs on surfaces, which further reduces any risk of spreading infection.
- b. If a facility has had a sick person with COVID-19 within the last 24 hours, clean AND disinfect the spaces occupied by that person during that time.
- 13. CCRCS will not require proof of vaccination.