Navigating a Safe Return to In-Person Instruction: A Conversation with State Public Health Leaders

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Setting the Context

 New and Updated Guidance

 Investing in Equity & Safe In-Person Instruction

 Ongoing Engagement & Future Sessions

Regional Stay-At-Home Order

- [Order](#) announced by Governor Newsom on 12/3/20

- [Existing guidance](#) for schools remains in effect and unchanged

- When the Order takes effect in a region:
  - schools that have previously reopened for in-person instruction may remain open
  - schools may continue to bring students back for in-person instruction under the [Elementary School Waiver Process](#) or [Cohorting Guidance](#)
  - Reference: Section 2(e) of the Order

California Department of Public Health Guidance

- Update to Blueprint for a Safer Economy & Data Chart on 12/08/20

- Outlines requirements for safe conditions, testing, and tracing

- Specifies that schools may be required to close if certain percentages of staff and students are diagnosed with COVID-19

- Additional information on COVID19.CA.GOV

Guidance Documents: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

- Latest Guidance
- Businesses and Employee Safety
- Community Settings
- Food
- Health Care Facilities and Professionals
- High-Risk Communities
- Home Care
- Schools and Universities
- State Public Health Officer Orders
- Testing
- Women and Children
- Other
- Covid-19 guidance and information from other departments and agencies

Question & Answer

With the state pulling the emergency brake in the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, why are schools allowed to remain open?

Can you explain the CDPH guidance and CHHS Playbook on testing as it applies to schools?

Any updates on the [COVID-19 Vaccination Planning](#) that will impact schools?

Cal/OSHA Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS) to Protect Workers from COVID-19

Cal/OSHA Emergency Temporary Standards - Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP)

- Builds on IIPP and state COVID-19 prevention guidance

- Written, site specific COVID-19 Prevention Program

- Communication with employees: symptoms, exposures, hazards, policies, testing

- Identifying, evaluating and correcting hazards

- Physical distancing, face coverings, and additional engineering, administrative and PPE controls

- Procedures to respond to and investigate COVID-19 cases in the workplace

- Training

- Testing and excluding from work employees who are exposed to COVID-19 or test positive while they are an infection risk

- Maintaining records of cases and reporting requirements to Cal/OSHA and local health departments

- Responding to outbreaks

Guidance on ETS to Protect Workers from COVID-19

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

- [Fact Sheet on What Employers Need to Know](#)

- [Model Written COVID-19 Prevention Program](#)

- COMING SOON: Additional Guidance to Support Implementation

  - Resources for county offices and school districts supporting schools with technical questions

Question & Answer

Cal/OSHA ETS to Protect Workers from COVID-19

- How are the Cal/OSHA standards aligned with the CDPH guidance?
  - Where are discrepancies and how will these be resolved?
  - If an LEA notices differences between county health guidance and Cal/OSHA, what are the recommendations?

- Is the employer required to develop a written COVID-19 Prevention Program that addresses each of the standards?

  - When is this plan due?
  - What do they do with the plan (send it somewhere, file, put on website)?
  - Does the plan require board approval?

Cal/OSHA ETS to Protect Workers from COVID-19

- Could you clarify the requirements in the standards that speak to the adults and not the students in the setting? For example, in reference to the requirements of masks and 6 foot distancing, etc.

- Please explain what is required of the employer in reference to the requirement: "Offer testing to an employee at no cost and during working hours <u>in the event of a potential COVID-19 work-related exposure</u>."

    - Does this require everyone to be tested before they can come back to work?
    - How often must an employer test that does not apply to an outbreak?

Cal/OSHA ETS to Protect Workers from COVID-19

- Please define an "exposed workplace." When you use the word workplace, do you mean the entire campus? Please provide an example.

- Please describe how an employer should respond to an "outbreak" (three or more COVID-19 cases in an exposed workplace within a 14-day period) or a "major outbreak" (20 or more COVID-19 cases in an exposed workplace within a 30-day period).
  - Does this mean all school personnel have to be tested and the school has to close?

What are some recommendations for schools to consider when developing or updating safety plans to align with Cal/OSHA ETS?

Resources

- CDPH [School Guidance FAQs](#)

- CDPH [COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Schools and School-Based Programs](#)

- CDPH [School Re-opening Framework](#)

- CDPH [Guidance for Small Cohorts / Groups of Children and Youth](#)

- CDPH [Elementary School Waiver Process](#)

- [Tips for a Healthier Holiday Season](#)

- Cal/OSHA [Emergency Temporary Standards, Information, and Resources](#)

- Cal/OSHA [COVID-19 Model Prevention Program](#) (Fillable document)

- Cal/OSHA [COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standards FAQs](#)

Mental Health & Wellness Resources

CA Parent & Youth Helpline

(855) 427-2736

caparentyouthhelpline.org

CASC COVID-19 K12 Counseling

covid19k12counseling.org

Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline
(800) 4A CHILD or (800) 422-4453

childhelp.org

Tentative Save the Date!
Thursday, December 17, 2020 @ 5pm