



Options for Youth - Acton

# COVID-19 & Acute Respiratory Illness Response Plan

2024-2025

## **Introduction**

In accordance with [SB 1479](#), consultation with local health department guidance and using best practices from the [Safe Schools for All Hub](#), the School has developed the following COVID-19 & Acute Respiratory Illness Response Plan. This plan will remain in effect until January 1, 2026, however, may be modified to reflect updates in local or State guidance as needed.

## **Current Mitigation Strategies**

The School currently utilizes the following mitigation measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 on campus.

- Designated a Compliance Officer who will review all current guidance from State and local health authorities and ensure staff and students receive appropriate education about COVID-19 and other Acute Respiratory Illnesses
- Advising staff and students to stay home when they are experiencing illness or have tested positive for COVID-19 or other other Acute Respiratory Illnesses
- Access and opportunity for frequent handwashing for all occupants on campus
- Access to hand sanitizer at various locations throughout the school site
- Regular cleaning of high touch surfaces and daily, evening cleaning of the school site by janitorial staff.
- Improved air filtration strategies such as portable air purifiers.
- Encourage staff and students to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and other Acute Respiratory illnesses and remain up to date with vaccination/boosters.

## **Illness at School**

The school encourages students who are experiencing illness to stay home. School staff should utilize the [Symptom Guidance Chart for School](#) when determining when a student should stay home or be sent home from school due to illness. Parents are encouraged to refer to [When to keep your child home](#) when ill.

## **Positive COVID-19 Cases**

The Compliance Officer should be notified of confirmed positive student cases of COVID-19 to ensure proper recording when needed. All positive staff cases will be

directed to Human Resources for tracking and return-to-work procedures. The School staff observes all Cal/OSHA emergency temporary standard requirements.

In order to return to school post COVID-19 infection, students must;

- be fever-free for at least 24 hours and
- have improvement of symptoms and
- must wear a high quality face covering throughout day 10 of symptom onset or positive COVID test.

The Compliance Officer will report to the local Department of Public Health whenever the School experiences any clusters of Acute Respiratory Illness when required.

### **Close Contacts**

The School may notify members of the school community whenever a positive case is identified on-site if they were potentially exposed to the positive case.

Students who are exposed to COVID-19 are advised to:

- Get tested immediately if they were exposed to COVID-19 and have symptoms.
- Test within 3-5 days after last exposure they do not have symptoms.
- If they start to feel sick, they should stay home and away from others.

### **COVID-19 Testing Access**

The School will

- Provide time and access for staff members to obtain COVID-19 testing if exposed to COVID-19 on campus.
- Provide contact information for low and/or no cost COVID-19 testing in the local community

The School may

- Stock over-the-counter (OTC) COVID-19 testing for distribution within the school community as needed

- Choose to require condition of participation screening testing for staff/students who wish to participate in a school sponsored overnight field trip

*\*The School's testing strategies may be modified as required by law and/or health officer order.*

### **Resources**

[California Department of Public Health](#)

[CA Safe Schools for All](#)

[Infection Prevention & Control Toolkit for Schools](#)