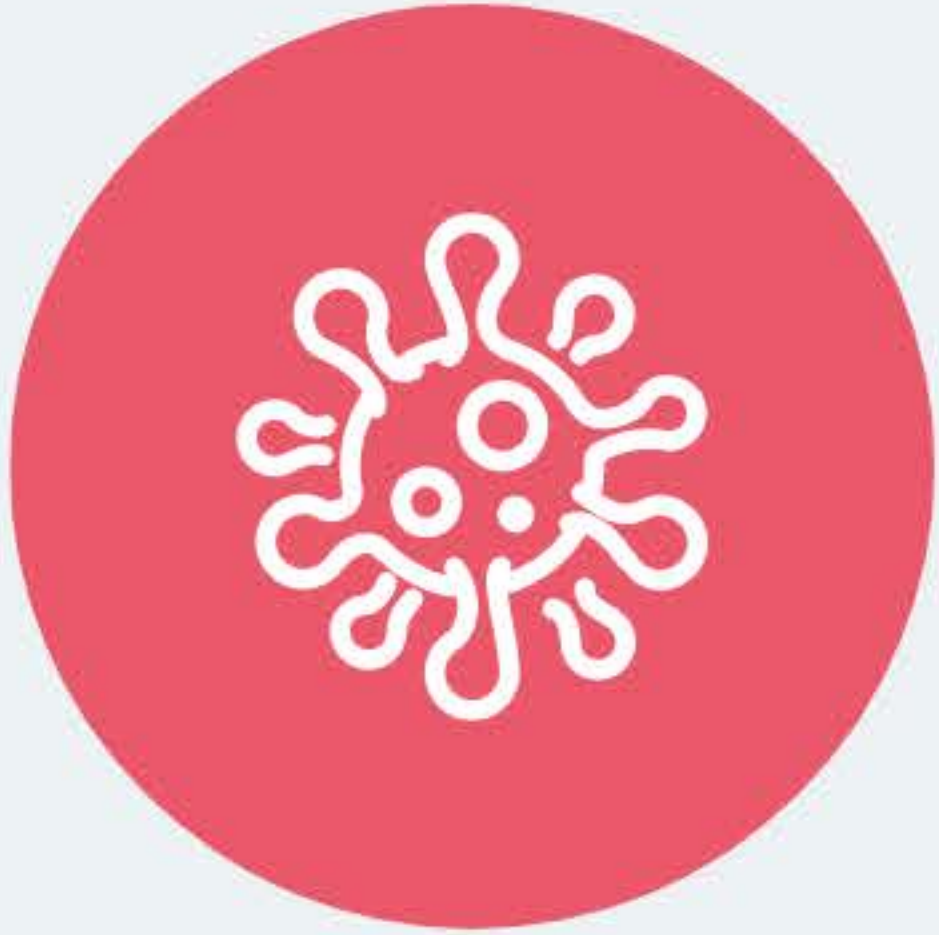




COVID-19 TIPS FOR BPSD SCHOOLS



We at BPSD are committed to the safety of all students and staff. Below are the top 5 topics about COVID-19 in schools for the 21-22 school year. Our responses and actions are in compliance with OCHCA, CDPH and CDC.



COVID-19 SYMPTOMS AND CASES

Per Title 17, Section 2208, all Orange County schools report COVID-19 cases to OCHCA using the SPOT reporting system to ensure local and state requirements. Any reported cases at schools will be investigated by a nurse, health clerk, principal and/or administrative staff. These staff are supported by the Office of Personnel Services. Schools will use BPSD exclusionary forms and Symptom Onsets for students to determine COVID-19 symptoms and non-symptoms. CDPH provides recommendations for staying home when sick and getting tested. Testing will help with rapid contact tracing and prevent possible spread at school. Students and staff with COVID-19 symptoms are not to return to school until at least 24 hours have passed with no fever or other COVID-19 symptoms, they have a negative COVID-19 test, or a healthcare provider has provided documentation that symptoms are of another underlying condition, or at least 10 days have passed since symptom contact.



COVID-19 CLOSE CONTACTS AND CONTACT TRACING

Close contacts or contract tracing is a public health intervention that involves identifying and notifying individuals who have tested positive for an infectious disease or may have been exposed to someone who tested positive while they were infectious. When an exposure to a person with COVID-19 happens in a school setting, school staff may be asked to help their local public health department with contact tracing in accordance with California's privacy laws and in compliance with Family Education Rights and Privacy (FERPA) which can be found here.



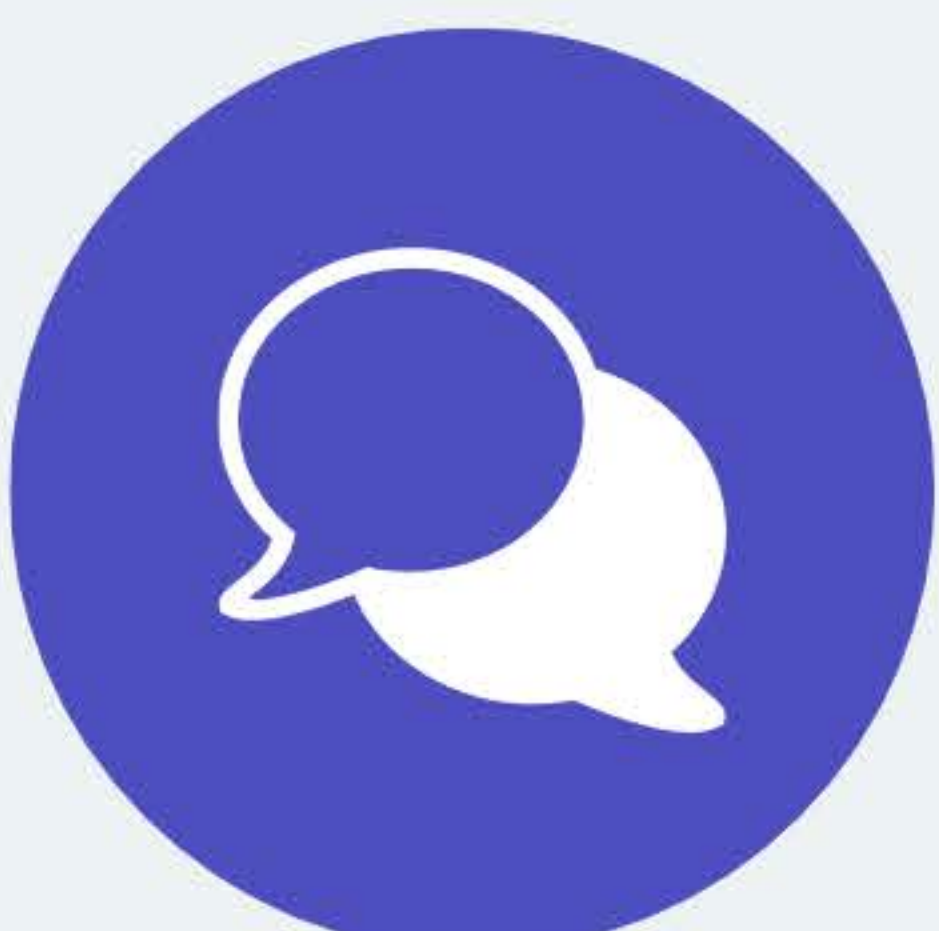
COVID-19 IN SCHOOL SETTINGS

Students with known exposure to COVID-19 at school may remain in school under modified quarantine at school. Asymptomatic unvaccinated students exposed to COVID-19 may qualify for a modified quarantine, provided they meet criteria in the CDPH Guidance. Fully vaccinated students exposed to COVID-19 may refrain from quarantine following a known exposure, if asymptomatic. Modified quarantine involves a period of time during which students may continue in person instruction but should refrain from all extracurricular activities in school, including sports. Testing during modified quarantine provides an additional layer of safety and allows for less missed days of school. More details can be found here in the CDPH K-12 School Guidance.



TESTING FOR COVID-19

CDC, CDPH and OCHCA provide multiple resources for individuals to receive a COVID-19 test. Additionally, California is working with districts to provide testing for students, educators and staff. Click here for COVID-19 testing sites from OCHCA and visit the CDPH website for information on how Districts can partner with the State of CA to provide school-based COVID-19 testing.



LEARNING ALTERNATIVES DUE TO COVID OR OTHER REASONS

Students who are unable to attend in-person school but healthy enough to engage in instruction are encouraged to enroll in short-term independent study plan at their school. Students may enroll from 3 to no more than 15 days in short-term Independent Study. Classroom teachers will provide Independent Study assignments to complete and submit to the teacher for credit and attendance.