

# COVID-19 at School Updates & Best Practices to Stop the Spread



## **AGENDA**

- Contra Costa County Today
- Best Practices: Masks Stop the Spread
- Exposure Event: What to report
- Exposure Event: Next Steps
- Overview of School Portal Outbreak Tracking (SPOT)
- Questions and Answers

## Contra Costa County COVID 19 at a Glance

#### **Contra Costa County**

Bay Area Region

#### Widespread\*

Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed

17.9 New COVID-19 cases per day per 100K

16.2 Adjusted case rate for tier assignment

5.2% Positivity rate

8.7% Health equity quartile positivity rate

Current	12/8	■ Widespread
1 week prior	12/1	■ Widespread
10 days prior	11/28	■ Widespread
2 weeks prior	11/24	■ Widespread

<sup>\*</sup>See California Blueprint Data Chart for tier determination

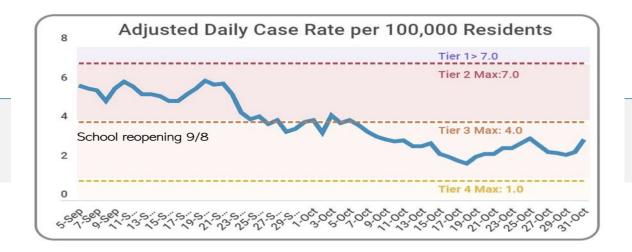


#### What it means for schools according to CDPH

Guidance related to schools remain in effect and unchanged.

Accordingly, when this Order takes effect in a Region, schools that have previously reopened for in-person instruction **may remain open**, and schools may continue to bring students back for inperson instruction under the Elementary School Waiver Process or Cohorting Guidance.

## WHO Suggest Schools are Protective





## COVID-19



### ROLE MODEL AS WE PROTECT OURSELVES

Teachers: Mask and face shield.

Students: Both if possible – be creative! One is better then none!

#### Recommendation:

- Combine face shield **and** mask
- Mask: Surgical mask or double layer cloth mask
- N95 when caring for high risk patients



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- Covers side of face to ears
- Past chin coverage





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## 0 Common Terms & Updated Guidance

#### Case, Index Case, Positive (28)

- An individual infected with COVID 19
- This person is ILL, so \*isolates for 10 days from symptom onset or test date if no symptoms.

#### Close Contact (153)

- An individual within 6 feet of a CASE for more than 15 minutes in a 24 hour period.
- Must \*QUARANTINE for 10 days from last exposure to CASE

#### Exposure Event (26)

 Term used for the episode when a CASE may have come in close contact with others

#### Outbreak (2)

 Three or more CASES linked to each other related to an EXPOSURE EVENT

<sup>\*</sup> information updated from CDC guidance and has changed since earlier webinars

## Reporting Cases to Public Health Department



**CCHS** School Intake form



Exposure Events in CalConnect from Case Investigation

## **Exposure Event?**

Situation	Communication
Case notified you they were on campus day of or two days prior to positive diagnosis.	COVID 19 Decision Making Grid with Intake Link CCHS Intake Form
Symptomatic with no known contact to positive case.	COVID 19 Decision Making Grid with Intake Link Refer to the GRID and policies in place for Non-COVID times of illness. (migraine sufferers as example) Covid.schools@cchealth.org for questions
Symptomatic or suspected Covid-19 individuals with known contact to positive case.	COVID 19 Decision Making Grid with Intake Link CCHS Intake Form
Positive cases that have not been on campus.	No notification required. No Exposure Event.
Contacts of Case that did not occur on campus	No notification of Public Health Required.  Quarantine instructions. No Stigma. No questions.  Empower the notification.

## **Exposure Event: Confirmed**

Exposure Event	What to Expect
Case confirmed on campus	<ul> <li>COVID 19 Decision Making Grid with Intake Link</li> <li>CCHS Intake Form submitted, expect confirmation email</li> <li>Exposure Event will be created by Public Health Dept</li> <li>School Investigator will be assigned and reach out</li> <li>Gather contacts and pertinent information according to school script SPOT enrollment or roster to follow.</li> </ul>
Outbreak three cases linked to each other on campus within a 14 day period. (siblings and family members don't count nor cases associated off school grounds)  Trivia: Since October we believe more than 7000 students from k-12 have been on campus in some hybrid form in Contra Costa County. To date, we are aware of only 2 outbreaks and debrief allowed for valuable lessons learned.	<ul> <li>COVID 19 Decision Making Grid with Intake Link</li> <li>CCHS Intake Form submitted, expect confirmation email</li> <li>Exposure Event will be created by Public Health Dept</li> <li>School Investigator will be assigned and reach out</li> <li>Gather contacts and pertinent information according to school script</li> <li>PLUS Outreach and Special Meeting to discuss Mitigation plan within 24 hours of notification of outbreak.</li> <li>Consider internal debrief and follow up with PHD as needed.</li> <li>Review of workflows and practices</li> <li>Support and collaboration to explore best practices</li> </ul>

## **SPOT OVERVIEW**

- School Portal for Outbreak Tracking (SPOT) is a tool to help facilitate collaboration and sharing of information between schools and CCC
- Helps ensure faster contact & case investigation
- Useful tool for schools to monitor their Exposure Events



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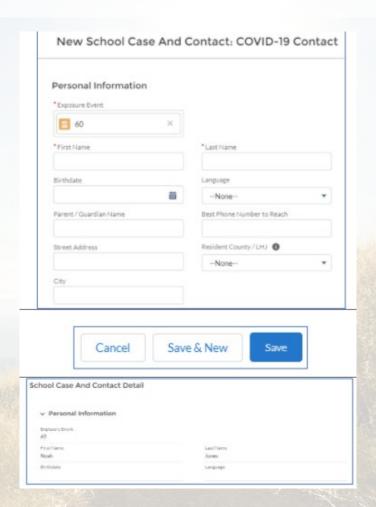
- SPOT is a user-friendly portal for school liaisons to enter key information about cases & contacts.
- School Liaisons will only need access to SPOT if:
  - Contra Costa County contacts you about an exposure in one of your schools and provides you with access to SPOT.
  - You identify a COVID-19 exposure or outbreak in your school.

## **SPOT Training Video for School Liaisons**



## **SPOT FEEDBACK**

- Three Schools have piloted SPOT
  - Positive feedback
  - User-friendly
  - Prefer SPOT v. roster request



## **SPOT PLAN**

- Currently finalizing internal processes for SPOT.
- School Investigator may request roster instead of SPOT
- Goal is to have all schools starting using SPOT

## REMEMBER, WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

► Email: Covid.Schools@cchealth.org

For school liaisons and administrators

- School Case Reporting Intake Web Form
- Multilingual Call Center: (844) 729-8410

Option #8 for Schools; for community inquiries (parents, citizens, etc.)

Designated line for Schools: (925) 608-5315

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- ► **Testing:** (844) 421-0804 or schedule online through our website!
- Websites:

www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/for-schools-and-childcare www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/news/spotlight/information about coronavirus

