



# UNION COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Recommendation to approve the 2023 Safe Return to School Covid guidelines. This will be posted on the district website after approval.

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These protocols will be re-evaluated as needed. UCSD reserves the right to make changes to these protocols based on COVID changes in our community.

## I. STUDENTS

### STUDENTS POSITIVE FOR COVID

Students who test positive for COVID with a rapid antigen or molecular, or PCR test must isolate for 5 full days after clear onset of symptoms or positive test if no symptoms, and may return to school following these guidelines.

- Written verification of positive test result.
- No or improved symptoms including fever for 24 hours prior to the end of the 5th day.
- No negative test will be required to return to school.

### HOUSEHOLD POSITIVE

Student Exposure to verified positive COVID WITHIN the home

Students who are exposed to COVID within their home should avoid close contact with the positive person for 5 days. Monitor for symptoms. If symptoms occur, student should stay home from school and see a health care provider for evaluation.

Students are NOT required to quarantine after a HOME exposure. A negative test is not required.

### NON-HOUSEHOLD POSITIVE Student Exposure to verified positive COVID outside of the home setting, including school

Students who are exposed to COVID from sources other than within their home are not required to quarantine. Students should avoid contact with the COVID positive person. Monitor for symptoms. If symptoms occur, student should stay home from school and see a health care provider for evaluation.

\*Schools will follow all doctor's notes in regard to the return to school date after a positive test or symptoms.

\*\*Students who test positive using an at-home COVID test and do not see a doctor will be required to stay home for five days following the at-home positive test and use a COVID parent note for the full five days when they return to school.

## II. STAFF

### STAFF POSITIVE FOR COVID

Staff who test positive for COVID with a rapid antigen or molecular, or PCR test must isolate for 5 full days after clear onset of symptoms or positive test if no symptoms, and may return to school following these guidelines.

- Written verification of positive test result.
- No or improved symptoms including fever for 24 hours prior to the end of the 5th day.
- No negative test is required to return to work.

### STAFF EXPOSURE TO VERIFIED POSITIVE COVID

Staff who are exposed to COVID are not required to quarantine after exposure. If symptoms occur, individuals should stay home from work and consult a health care provider for evaluation and possible testing.

### \*NOTE

Masks are strongly recommended for students and staff, but not required.

Vaccinations for COVID are strongly recommended for students and staff, but not required.

These changes will be in effect beginning Tuesday, February 8, 2022