



# Quarantine Plan for OCEAA

**MASKS:** State law authorized the California Department of Public Health to require Universal Masking at K-12 Schools. Schools and school officials involved in the decision not to follow the mandatory public health guidance may face civil lawsuits.

**CLOSE CONTACTS:** A close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of an infected person for a **cumulative** total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

Scenario:	Situation:	Action/ Expectation:	Communication:
1. <b>Masked:</b> Not a Close Contact	When both parties were wearing a mask in any school setting in which students are supervised by school staff (including indoor or outdoor), unvaccinated students who are not close contacts may undergo an on campus <b>modified quarantine</b> .  <b>Students/staff MAY continue to attend school for in-person instruction.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Student/staff is asymptomatic;</li> <li>2. Continue to appropriately mask;</li> <li>3. Undergo weekly testing during the on campus <b>modified quarantine</b>; and</li> <li>4. The exposed student may participate in all required instructional components of the school day, except activities where a mask cannot be worn, such as while playing certain musical instruments. Exposed students may also eat meals on campus physically distant from other students guided by staff.</li> </ol>	<p>Community to refer to OCEAA's COVID-19 website to track active COVID-19 cases.</p> <p>Low-risk communication to those families.</p>
2. <b>Masked or Unmasked:</b> Close Contacts	Students/staff who were masked or unmasked during the close contact exposure in any school setting in which students are supervised by school staff (including indoor or outdoor), unvaccinated students who are close contacts will undergo an off-campus <b>quarantine</b> .  <b>They WILL discontinue attending school for in-person instruction and go into an independent study agreement. For questions contact <a href="mailto:is@oceaa.org">is@oceaa.org</a></b>	<p>The exposed student(s) or staff (if unvaccinated) may discontinue self-quarantine <b>AT HOME</b> using a quarantine option below.</p> <p><b>Quarantine Options:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Standard:</b> Return to school on Day 11th (can be up to 14 days if still symptomatic) from the date of last exposure <b>without testing</b>; <b>OR</b></li> <li>2. <b>Shortened:</b> Return to school on Day 8th if a diagnostic specimen is collected on Day 6th from the date of last exposure and <b>tests negative</b> (please provide a note).</li> </ol> <p>If the exposed student/staff develops any COVID-19 symptoms during the <b>10-day</b> period, the exposed student shall immediately isolate, get tested for COVID-19 and contact their healthcare provider with any questions regarding their care.</p>	<p>Impacted students, staff and parents to receive tailored communication on next steps. Please note that communications and plans are subject to change at any moment.</p>
3. <b>Vaccinated Staff or Students</b>	Asymptomatic persons who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 are not required to quarantine after exposure to COVID-19 (Testing is recommend 3-5 days after exposure).	Continue attending campus onsite, do not attend campus if experiencing symptoms.	None, unless positive results for close contacts communication.
4. <b>Siblings of Close Contacts</b>	This guidance is for siblings of close contact students.	Siblings of students with potential close contact do <b>NOT</b> have to quarantine at this time because they have not experienced direct contact unless they are symptomatic, they need to follow quarantine options.	None

**Self-isolation of Persons with COVID-19:**

Individuals with a positive COVID-19 result shall isolate themselves until:

1. at least 24 hours after they have recovered, meaning their fever has resolved without use of fever-reducing medications and their respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved; **AND**
2. at least 10 days have elapsed from when their symptoms first appeared.

Individuals who have a positive COVID-19 PCR or rapid antigen laboratory test result and are **without COVID-19 symptoms** shall isolate themselves for 10 days from the date when the first specimen for the positive COVID-19 laboratory test result was obtained. Unless one of the criteria above applies, the individual may not leave his or her place of isolation except to receive necessary medical care.

**Quarantine Assessment Pathway:** Below are the individual/group tiers that OCEAA administration will review in order to determine the necessary course of action related to quarantining based on contact tracing and guidance from the Health Department.

1. COVID-19 Positive Individual
2. Direct Unmasked or Masked Close Contacts
3. Classroom Based
4. Grade Level Based
5. School-wide (this would be a State or County mandate)

**Health Impacted Students and Staff:**

All information, including the name(s) of ill or exposed persons, shared regarding any public health investigation is confidential in order to protect individual privacy. Names will not be released to the public, including our school community. Due to privacy laws, details about individuals affected cannot be shared.

OCEAA guidance and expectations are built from the [California Department of Public Health](#) and the [Orange County Health Care Agency](#) as of September 3, 2021.

Visit <https://oceaa.org/covid19/> to follow our COVID-19 Dashboard or to report a COVID-19 case.

