

Madera County Superintendent of Schools

COVID School Guidance Checklist

CHANGE LOG

In the event there is a change in guidance which impacts the content of the COVID School Guidance Checklist, these changes are recorded in the change log below. The guidance resulting in the need for a change in practice is from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Cal/OSHA, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and/or the Madera County Department of Public Health (MCDPH).

Date of Change: April 2021	Change Topic: System for Communicating/Mitigation Measures
Description of Change: The MCSOS Main Administrative Building, which was open by appointment only since March 16, 2020, opened to the public. Visitors are required to submit a screening form confirming they are symptom free.	
Date of Change: July 12, 2021	Change Topic: Masking
Description of Change: Per the CDPH Guidance issued July 12, 2021, fully vaccinated in non-school based settings may opt to not wear a face mask while indoors. Unvaccinated employees must continue to wear a face mask while indoors. Face masks are optional for all employees in outdoor settings. Unvaccinated employees may request an N95 mask from the office.	
Date of Change: July 12, 2021	Change Topic: Engineering Controls
Description of Change: Although efforts to promote physical distancing for in-person meetings are made, there is no longer a required distance for physical distancing and employees may sit closer than six feet. Unvaccinated individuals are required to wear a face covering while indoors. Facilities are no longer posted with maximum capacity for physical distancing purposes.	
Date of Change: July 12, 2021	Change Topic: Personal Protection Equipment
Description of Change: Where services require contact with students closer than six feet, MCSOS will provide additional PPE including gloves, gowns, and barriers. N95 masks will be provided to health personnel and, upon request, to employees working with students that have a medical exemption for wearing a face covering. Unvaccinated employees may request an N95 mask to wear.	

Date of Change: July 12, 2021	Change Topic: Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases
Description of Change: Only employees who are unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated will be excluded from the workplace for a COVID-19 exposure. Fully vaccinated employees are permitted to remain at work so long as they are symptom free.	
Date of Change: July 12, 2021	Change Topic: Return to Work Criteria
Description of Change: An unvaccinated or partially vaccinated employee, who is a close contact of an individual with a confirmed positive COVID-19 infection, will quarantine for a 10-day period. The unvaccinated employee may conduct a COVID-19 test on Day 6 of exposure and return on Day 8 if the test is negative and the employee is symptom free. Fully vaccinated employees are not required to quarantine if they are free of symptoms.	
Date of Change: August 2, 2021	Change Topic: Stable Groups and Physical Distancing
Description of Change: As a result of the CDPH Guidance issued July 12, 2021, classrooms are no longer required to maintain stable group structures and physical distancing requirements. Students are able to mainstream and although physical distancing is recommended, it is not required.	
Date of Change: August 2, 2021	Change Topic: Ventilation
Description: MCSOS utilizes a minimum of a MERV 13 HEPA filter in all MCSOS owned units and has provided educators the ability to request a stand-alone air purifier for classrooms and workspaces to augment the HVAC systems currently in place.	
Date of Change: August 2, 2021	Change Topic: Physical Distancing
Due to the structure of Special Needs and Alternative Education classes, in many cases social distancing may still occur, but there is no longer a mandate to ensure stable groups or strict physical distancing. In cases where students will be “mainstreaming” in non-special education classrooms, they may be less than three feet from their peers. Employees in classrooms and office settings are encouraged to practice physical distancing, to the extent possible, but it is no longer a requirement.	
Date of Change: August 2, 2021	Change Topic: Testing of Staff and Students
Description of Change: MCSOS will continue to offer voluntary COVID-19 screening test options for staff. In addition, MCSOS is working with the Madera County Department of Public Health in providing access to BINAX Rapid tests and PCR tests for both staff and students in the case of COVID-related symptoms or possible exposure to COVID-19 in the workplace.	
If there is a need for quarantine, then the CDPH Guidance (July 12, 2021) will be followed: Vaccinated close contacts not exhibiting symptoms will not be required to quarantine.	

Quarantine recommendations for unvaccinated students:

When both parties were wearing a mask in the indoor classroom setting, unvaccinated students who are close contacts (more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period within 0-6 feet indoors) may undergo a modified 10-day quarantine as follows: They may continue to attend school for in-person instruction if they:

- i. Are asymptomatic;
- ii. Continue to appropriately mask, as required;
- iii. Undergo at least twice weekly testing during the 10-day quarantine; and
- iv. Continue to quarantine for all extracurricular activities at school, including sports, and activities within the community setting.

Quarantine recommendations for: unvaccinated close contacts who were not wearing masks or for whom the infected individual was not wearing a mask during the indoor exposure; or unvaccinated students as described above.

- a. For these contacts, those who remain asymptomatic, meaning they have NOT had any symptoms, may discontinue self-quarantine under the following conditions:
 - i. Quarantine can end after Day 10 from the date of last exposure without testing; OR
 - ii. Quarantine can end on Day 8 if a diagnostic specimen is collected on Day 6 from the date of last exposure and tests negative.

Date of Change: August 2, 2021

Change Topic: Employee Screening

Description of Change: Vaccinated employees in non-school settings have the option to not wear a face mask; six feet physical distancing is recommended, but not required.

Date of Change: July 12, 2021

Change Topic: Investigating and Responding to COVID-19 Cases

Description of Change: Per the CDPH Guidance issued July 12, 2021, fully vaccinated employees who are a close contact, defined as closer than 6 feet for 15 minutes or longer in 24-hour cumulative period two days prior to the onset of symptoms, or who are exposed to an individual currently infected with COVID are not required to quarantine, so long as they remain symptom free. Employees who are close contacts may test on the sixth day of quarantine and return on the eighth day of quarantine if the test results are negative. The Madera County Department of Public Health is notified in the event that an employee or student has tested positive. The appropriate contact tracing information is submitted to the "School Portal for Outbreak Tracking (SPOT) database. Human Resources submits notification to Self-Insured Schools of California for employees who test positive for COVID.

Date of Change: January 2021

Change Topic: System for Communicating

Description of Change: In accordance with Cal/OSHA Guidance in the event an employee or student tests positive for COVID-19, all employees on the site are notified, via email, of the close contact or potential exposure. Attached to the change log is a copy of the email notification. Additionally, the Madera County Department of Public Health is notified of the test positive case. The appropriate

contact tracing information is submitted to the “School Portal for Outbreak Tracking (SPOT) database. Human Resources submits notification to Self-Insured Schools of California for employees who test positive for COVID.	
Date of Change: August 2021	Topic of Change: Appendix B: MCSOS COVID-19 Screening Checklist
Description of Change: Form to include a question about COVID-19 vaccination status and updated guidance that if fully vaccinated, do not quarantine if a close contact or exposed to COVID-19.	
Date of Change:	Topic of Change: Appendix D: MCSOS COVID-19 Tracking Tool
Description of Change: The Tracking Tool includes a question about the vaccination status.	
Date of Change: October 15, 2021	Topic of Change: Surveillance Testing Program for Unvaccinated Employees
Description of Change: All employees are required to provide proof of full vaccination status by October 15, 2021, or participate in a weekly COVID Surveillance Testing program. The MCSOS will partner with the Madera County Department of Public Health to provide the testing media, process the test specimens, and maintain the test results on the MCDPH secure database. Both the employee and MCSOS will have access to the test results.	
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