



UPDATED COVID-19 PREVENTION AND EXPOSURE MANAGEMENT PLAN as of May 2023 (Employees and Students)

This COVID-19 Prevention and Exposure Management Plan¹ is intended to provide an outline of the District's safety protocols and response to COVID-19 cases on campus. Where Cal/OSHA rules or requirements issued by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health are more specific, it is the intent of the District to comply with applicable Cal/OSHA regulations, guidelines, and requirements established for colleges by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health. The District may modify this plan in response to new or modified state or county regulations/protocols.

The following applies to all employees and students.

I. Definitions

- A. COVID-19 Case: Means an employee or student who has a positive COVID-19 test; or has a positive COVID-19-related diagnosis from a licensed healthcare provider; or has died due to COVID-19, in the determination of a local health department or per inclusion in the COVID-19 statistics of a county.
- B. Close Contact:
 - i. *For Indoor Spaces of 400,000 or fewer cubic feet*: An employee or a student is considered to have been exposed (close contact) to a COVID-19 case during the infectious period if they shared the same indoor airspace in any District building with the COVID-19 case (infected person) for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. Outdoor exposure to a COVID-19 case is not considered a close contact.
 - ii. *For large indoor spaces greater than 400,000 cubic feet per floor*: An employee or a student is considered to have been exposed (close contact) to a COVID-19 case during the infectious period if they were within six (6) feet of the infected person for a cumulative time of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
- C. COVID-19 Symptoms: Means a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea, unless a licensed healthcare professional determines the person's symptoms were caused by a known condition other than COVID-19.

¹ The COVID-19 Prevention and Exposure Management Plan is incorporated into the District's Injury and Illness Prevention Program.



- D. Face Covering (Mask): Means a surgical mask, a medical procedure mask, a respirator (N-95 or KN-95) worn voluntarily, or a tightly woven fabric or non-woven material of at least two (2) layers. A face covering has no visible holes or openings and must cover the nose and mouth. A face covering does not include a scarf, ski mask, balaclava, bandana, turtleneck, collar, or single layer of fabric.
- E. Infectious Period: Means the following time period, unless otherwise defined by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) regulation or order, in which case the CDPH definition shall apply.
 - i. Symptomatic COVID-19 Cases: Are considered infectious from two (2) days before they first develop symptoms until five (5) to ten (10) days have passed, and 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications, and symptoms have improved.
 - ii. Asymptomatic COVID-19 Cases: Are considered infectious from two (2) days before until five (5) days after the day of their first positive COVID-19 test.
- F. Vaccination Status: The following definitions are provided by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health:
 - i. Fully Vaccinated: An employee or a student is considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 two (2) weeks after completing the primary series for a vaccine. This means two (2) weeks after receiving a Johnson & Johnson one (1) dose vaccine or the second dose of a Pfizer or Moderna two (2) dose vaccine series or completion of the vaccine series for any COVID-19 vaccine that has been provided at least emergency use authorization by the World Health Organization.

II. Vaccination Recommendation – Employees and Students

While the District does not require employees and students to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, the District strongly recommends, consistent with the direction of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, that employees and students voluntarily get vaccinated. It is recognized by the California Department of Public Health and the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health that receiving the full doses and boosters of an approved COVID-19 vaccine reduces the risk of getting very sick and becoming hospitalized or dying from COVID-19. For additional information on COVID-19 vaccines, refer to <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/vaccine/vaccine-dashboard.htm>

III. COVID-19 Safety Protocols – Employees and Students

- A. Face Coverings (Masks): In compliance with direction provided by the California Department of Public Health, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and Cal/OSHA, employees and students may choose to wear or not wear a face covering (mask) while inside any District building.



Any employee or student determined to be a COVID-19 case or a close contact with a COVID-19 case, shall be required to wear a mask indoors in any District building for a period of ten (10) days.

In the event that the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and/or Cal/OSHA implements an indoor mask mandate, the District will direct that all employees and students wear a mask consistent with any new requirement.

- i. *District Provided Face Covering*: The District will provide employees with an appropriate face covering (mask). Employees, while not required, may request the District provide a N-95 or KN-95 mask.
 - ii. *Optional Wearing of Face Mask*: No employee or student should be criticized or treated differently due to a decision to either wear or not wear a face covering (mask) while indoors or outdoors.
- B. *COVID-19 Tests Availability For Employees and Students*: Free antigen test kits, while supplies last, are available at no charge, at the Student Health Center, the Campus Center, the Library, and the Bookstore.
- C. *Enhanced Ventilation*: The District will increase air flow in buildings to maximum capacity and install appropriate ventilation filters. In addition, where deemed advisable, the District will install portable air filter/scrubbers.

IV. Exposure Response Procedures

- A. *Compliance Task Force*: The District will have in place a COVID-19 Compliance Task Force (CTF) composed of the Chair of the COVID-19 Workgroup, the Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services, the Director of Campus Safety, and the College Nurse. This task force will have initial responsibility for monitoring this plan and all other COVID-19 safety protocols, and will enforce the exposure response.
- B. *Notice of COVID-19 Diagnosis*: In the event an employee or a student has been diagnosed with COVID-19, or has a test confirming COVID-19, the employee or student should immediately inform the College Nurse and is not to report for work or on-campus classes until cleared to return. In the case of an employee diagnosed with COVID-19, the College Nurse will notify the Director of Human Resources.
- C. *Contact Tracing*: In the event of a COVID-19 case present on campus or in any District building or facility, the District will take the following action.
 - i. Determine the day, time and specific location the COVID-19 case was last present on campus or in a District building or facility, the date of the positive COVID-19 test or diagnosis, and the date the COVID-19 case first had one or more COVID-19 symptoms.



- D. Notice to COVID-19 Case: An email notice will be sent to all employees and students identified as a COVID-19 case advising the person of the restrictions as to being present on campus and resources to assist the individual.
- E. Notice of Close Contact:
- i. Employees and Students: Within one (1) business day of the day the District knew or should have known of a COVID-19 case, the District will send an email notice to employees and students advising as to the date, time, and location of an identified COVID-19 case on campus.
 - ii. Campus Community and Employee Organizations: Within one (1) business day of the day the District knew or should have known of a COVID-19 case, the District will send an email notice to all employees and students providing information as to a COVID-19 case on campus including the date, time, and location of the last time the COVID-19 case was present on campus.
- F. COVID-19 Case Exclusion from Campus: The following is intended to implement current regulations adopted by the California Department of Public Health, Cal/OSHA and the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health to the COVID-19 case isolation protocols. The quarantine period for close contacts as described below apply to employees and students regardless of vaccination status or previous COVID-19 infection.
- i. Students and Employees (regardless of vaccination status): Employees and students who test positive or have been otherwise diagnosed as being infected with COVID-19 (COVID-19 case), must isolate and remain off campus for a period of at least five (5) days from the date symptoms began or from the date of a positive COVID-19 test, whichever is earlier. An employee or student may end their isolation and return to work or classes or other campus activities after five (5) days provided the employee or student has been fever free (less than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit) for at least twenty-four (24) hours and symptoms, if present, are improving. A negative COVID-19 test is not required as a condition for ending isolation after five days.

If on day five (5), the COVID-19 positive employee or student still has a fever or symptoms are not improving, the employee or student should remain in isolation for a period a total of ten (10) days from the date symptoms began or from the date of a positive COVID-19 test, whichever is earlier.

COVID-19 cases, regardless of the isolation period that is applicable, should wear an appropriate face covering (mask) while indoors in any District building for a period of ten (10) days from the date symptoms began or from the date of a positive COVID-19 test, whichever is earlier.



- G. Close Contact Protocols: The following is intended to implement current regulations adopted by the California Department of Public Health, Cal/OSHA and the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health to the close contact protocols. The protocols below apply to employees and students regardless of vaccination status or previous COVID-19 infection.
- i. Students and Employees (regardless of vaccination status): Close contacts do not need to stay away from work or on-campus classes/activities. Any employee or student who has received notice that they have been a close contact with a COVID-19 case should: 1) Take a COVID-19 test (free COVID-19 antigen tests are available on campus), three to five (3-5) days from the date of exposure; 2) wear an appropriate face covering (mask) for a period of ten (10) days from the date of exposure; and 3) monitor for any COVID-19-related symptoms. If you test positive or have been otherwise diagnosed as being infected with COVID-19 (COVID-19 case) you must follow the protocols set forth in paragraph F above.
- H. Ordered Quarantine: In the event that an employee or a student is ordered to isolate or quarantine by a local or state health official, the employee may not physically return to campus for the duration of the order.
- I. Additional Testing – Employees and Students: For any employee or student who is a close contact with a COVID-19 case, the District will provide follow-up COVID-19 testing at no cost. Free antigen test kits, while supplies last, are available, at no charge, at the Student Health Center, the Campus Center, the Library, and the Bookstore.
- J. Multiple COVID-19 Cases on Campus:
- i. Two (2) cases of an infected person within fourteen (14) days: In addition to the steps set forth above, the CTF will determine if there is an epidemiological link between the two (2) infectious persons. In the event that an epidemiological connection is determined, the CTF will notify the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health and implement any further action as may be recommended by the Department of Public Health.
- ii. Three (3) or more cases of an infectious person within fourteen (14) days: In addition to the steps referenced above, in the event of an epidemiological link between the cases, the District will seek further direction from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, and may need to take steps to close the campus to employees and students.