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| *California Association of School Business Officials2020-47* **CDPH Releases Guidance for In-Person Supervision of Small Cohorts***By Sara C. Bachez and Elizabeth Esquivel, Governmental Relations* This afternoon, August 25, 2020, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released the following guidance pertaining to in-person child supervision and limited instruction, returning to work or school following COVID-19 diagnosis, and case and contact management within child care facilities. * [Guidance for Small Cohort/Groups of Children and Youth](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__online.casbo.org_casbossa_ecmssamsganalytics.click-5Fthrough-3Fp-5Fmail-5Fid-3DE126991A12003002B1C691672&d=DwMGaQ&c=SIStQSL0VMIUJoLS-Q8giiFlA-AKdP7tpJHyQh8DeXk&r=9rmZudjBgShtiXGX95_A-ufjr84LUqcU2iI16NRvITI&m=zo2AZa2uVz5D6uSGIHhs2gCMZgwhWMXNP7kbMc6PsIs&s=XA9VYA4HbRv-GT8rrRQ1L1NQJH2MM0iM5eW0mhccdrI&e=)
* [Guidance on Returning to Work or School Following COVID-19 Diagnosis](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__online.casbo.org_casbossa_ecmssamsganalytics.click-5Fthrough-3Fp-5Fmail-5Fid-3DE126991A12003002B1C691673&d=DwMGaQ&c=SIStQSL0VMIUJoLS-Q8giiFlA-AKdP7tpJHyQh8DeXk&r=9rmZudjBgShtiXGX95_A-ufjr84LUqcU2iI16NRvITI&m=zo2AZa2uVz5D6uSGIHhs2gCMZgwhWMXNP7kbMc6PsIs&s=xx-lIhXTYpNqSepNBrP0512pdu_LWbVPlbhB04-nPwU&e=)
* [COVID-19 Case and Contact Management within Child Care Facilities](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__online.casbo.org_casbossa_ecmssamsganalytics.click-5Fthrough-3Fp-5Fmail-5Fid-3DE126991A12003002B1C691674&d=DwMGaQ&c=SIStQSL0VMIUJoLS-Q8giiFlA-AKdP7tpJHyQh8DeXk&r=9rmZudjBgShtiXGX95_A-ufjr84LUqcU2iI16NRvITI&m=zo2AZa2uVz5D6uSGIHhs2gCMZgwhWMXNP7kbMc6PsIs&s=2QK9_zOhGdPsWH6_MtydhogxDZtj3RVzz7rU6HET6fg&e=)
* [CDPH Providing Targeted, Specialized Support and Services at Schools](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__online.casbo.org_casbossa_ecmssamsganalytics.click-5Fthrough-3Fp-5Fmail-5Fid-3DE126991A12003002B1C691675&d=DwMGaQ&c=SIStQSL0VMIUJoLS-Q8giiFlA-AKdP7tpJHyQh8DeXk&r=9rmZudjBgShtiXGX95_A-ufjr84LUqcU2iI16NRvITI&m=zo2AZa2uVz5D6uSGIHhs2gCMZgwhWMXNP7kbMc6PsIs&s=MpzAdvfx0tMY4suHXD-JL0aq4jc5Ft4VSrNxX8toIuA&e=)

**Returning to School After a Diagnosis**Individuals who have tested positive for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, and have had symptoms, may return to work or school when:* At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared, and
* At least 24 hours have passed with no fever (without using fever-reducing medication), and
* Other symptoms have improved.

Individuals who have tested positive for SARS-CoV-2, and have never developed symptoms, may return to work or school 10 days after the date of their first positive test.The CDPH does not recommend requiring a negative test for SARS-CoV-2 to return to work or school. Instead, employers and schools should follow the time- and symptom-based approach in determining when individuals can return following a COVID-19 diagnosis. The department guidance recognizes that return work and school guidance may differ in certain local health jurisdictions, and individuals consult with and follow their local health departments guidance.**Small Cohorts of Students On-Campus**The CDPH guidance provides the appropriate cohort size and staffing considerations for in-person child supervision and facilitation of distance learning in small group environments, and how to understand the required health and safety practices needed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in their settings.**Cohort Setting** * No more than 14 children in a cohort, even when all children are not participating at the same time.
* Limited to 2 supervising adults per cohort.
* Adult to child ratios continue to apply for licensed child care programs.
* Cohorts can be divided into smaller groups, but continue to maintain 14-to-2 ratio.
* Prevent interactions between cohorts.
* One-to-one specialized services can be provided to a child by a support service provider that is not part of the child’s cohort.
* Specialized services includes, but not limited to, occupational therapy services, speech and language services, and other medical, behavioral services, or educational support services as part of a targeted intervention strategy.
* Services must be provided consistent with the [industry guidance for Limited Services](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__online.casbo.org_casbossa_ecmssamsganalytics.click-5Fthrough-3Fp-5Fmail-5Fid-3DE126991A12003002B1C691676&d=DwMGaQ&c=SIStQSL0VMIUJoLS-Q8giiFlA-AKdP7tpJHyQh8DeXk&r=9rmZudjBgShtiXGX95_A-ufjr84LUqcU2iI16NRvITI&m=zo2AZa2uVz5D6uSGIHhs2gCMZgwhWMXNP7kbMc6PsIs&s=nsYbafmb4qsmInvfzuMVWskCpETwk-qd1MV0XBS7lko&e=).

**Staff Considerations*** Maintain supervising adults to one assigned cohort, and substitutes that cover short-term staff absences must only work with one cohort of children per day.
* Staff meetings with adults from different cohorts must be conducted remotely, outdoors, or in a large room in which all providers wear cloth face coverings and maintain at least 6 feet distance from other providers. Outdoor meetings and meetings in large rooms with the windows open are preferred.

The guidance continues to recommend physical distancing and use of face coverings to decrease the risk of COVID-19.**COVID-19 Case and Contact Management with Child Care Facilities** Today’s guidance is focused on case and contact management, and consideration for child care facility closure or classes/groups within the facility.**Identifying COVID-19 Cases*** Exclude children, parents, providers and other staff with COVID-19 symptoms from the facility.
* Children who develop COVID-19 symptoms on site should be immediately removed from the cohort and placed in an isolated area.
* Providers and staff who develop COVID-19 symptoms should immediately leave the child care facility.
* Advise sick staff and children to not return until they have met Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) criteria to discontinue home isolation, including at least one day without fever, symptoms have improved, and at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared.

**Identified COVID-19 Case & Exposure*** Decisions on public health actions beyond exclusion of an ill person from the facility should be made on a case by case basis with guidance from the local health department.
* When a case is reported, all people who were potentially exposed to the case while he/she was infectious should be identified as soon as possible. This may be difficult to determine for child care facilities, therefore, an entire cohort, classroom, or other group may need to be considered exposure, particularly if they have spent time together indoors.

**Testing & Closure of Facilities** * All person with COVID-19 symptoms should be tested, and testing of exposed asymptomatic people can be considered if local lab capacity permits. Negative test results will not shorten the 14-day quarantine period for exposed people.
* Closure of a facility should be considered in consultation with the local health department if cases have been identified in more than one cohort, class, group, or family child care home, when exclusion of the individual from the home is not possible.
* A child care facility may reopen after complying with sanitation procedures and in consultation with their local health department.

**Additional Materials*** [CDPH COVID-19 Update Guidance: Child Care Programs and Providers](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__online.casbo.org_casbossa_ecmssamsganalytics.click-5Fthrough-3Fp-5Fmail-5Fid-3DE126991A12003002B1C691677&d=DwMGaQ&c=SIStQSL0VMIUJoLS-Q8giiFlA-AKdP7tpJHyQh8DeXk&r=9rmZudjBgShtiXGX95_A-ufjr84LUqcU2iI16NRvITI&m=zo2AZa2uVz5D6uSGIHhs2gCMZgwhWMXNP7kbMc6PsIs&s=EdIKl69nk-fEtY4ehGEUE0w2N8nCIXkiPDFHnzXsPWI&e=) (July 17, 2020)
* [CDPH COVID-19 Industry Guidance: School and School Based Programs](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__online.casbo.org_casbossa_ecmssamsganalytics.click-5Fthrough-3Fp-5Fmail-5Fid-3DE126991A12003002B1C691678&d=DwMGaQ&c=SIStQSL0VMIUJoLS-Q8giiFlA-AKdP7tpJHyQh8DeXk&r=9rmZudjBgShtiXGX95_A-ufjr84LUqcU2iI16NRvITI&m=zo2AZa2uVz5D6uSGIHhs2gCMZgwhWMXNP7kbMc6PsIs&s=QJaApSYFVYthZp-l21_OqUK9wWfS9kbFeQu5L9FgWcE&e=) (August 3, 2020)
* [CDC: Operating Schools During COVID-19](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__online.casbo.org_casbossa_ecmssamsganalytics.click-5Fthrough-3Fp-5Fmail-5Fid-3DE126991A12003002B1C691679&d=DwMGaQ&c=SIStQSL0VMIUJoLS-Q8giiFlA-AKdP7tpJHyQh8DeXk&r=9rmZudjBgShtiXGX95_A-ufjr84LUqcU2iI16NRvITI&m=zo2AZa2uVz5D6uSGIHhs2gCMZgwhWMXNP7kbMc6PsIs&s=IjzAKtomTkoAl91wMmSvTskbPH7dptR_JnUiyWItvdk&e=) (August 21, 2020)

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