

# K-12 Schools Telebriefing: Q&A Report

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

This report includes questions submitted by telebriefing attendees that were answered during the [K-12 Schools Telebriefing](#) via the Q&A function. **Answers are only accurate as of January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.** If you have a specific question or need clarification, please email us at [COVID-questions@sdcountry.ca.gov](mailto:COVID-questions@sdcountry.ca.gov) or [LiveWellEducation@sdcountry.ca.gov](mailto:LiveWellEducation@sdcountry.ca.gov).

Topic	Question	Answer
Decision Tree	Will the Decision Tree be updated with the CDPH guidance?	We will be digesting the information today. As changes appear to be needed, information on the Decision Tree Website are likely to be updated and a notice will go out if/when those updates occur.
Epi/Medical	Is there any help with albuterol inhalers for people who were sick or used more of their inhaler than usual and now are short before the next prescription is due?	<p>Some doctors have been issuing standing orders for albuterol, facilitating its availability in school offices, but doing so only for students who already have this medication prescribed by their own doctors, not for those without a previous diagnosis/prescription.</p> <p>A recent state law now permits the use of school-purchased inhalers for students – even those without previously diagnosed asthma, with the provision that staff using these have undergone training. A state-approved training program has yet to be developed, although one may be anticipated in the future.</p> <p>At this stage, our team is not aware of a doctor in San Diego County writing standing orders for undiagnosed asthmatics in school. School districts interested in school-stocked albuterol are advised to contact doctors or nurse practitioners in their locality to see if one is willing to write a standing order for albuterol – to be used solely by known asthmatics whose own albuterol inhalers are empty or left at home.</p>