

# K-12 Schools Telebriefing: Q&A Report

August 29, 2023

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 August 29, 2023.** If you have a specific question or need clarification, please email us at [COVID-questions@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:COVID-questions@sdcounty.ca.gov) or [LiveWellEducation@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:LiveWellEducation@sdcounty.ca.gov).

Topic	Question	Answer
<b>Decision Tree</b>	Can you share the link to the Decision Tree? When will the updated Decision Tree become available?	The Decision Tree has been posted online: <a href="https://resources.finalseite.net/images/v1688686104/sdcoenet/vlt8kehqmlywtvonsmyt/COVID-19-Decision-Tree.pdf">https://resources.finalseite.net/images/v1688686104/sdcoenet/vlt8kehqmlywtvonsmyt/COVID-19-Decision-Tree.pdf</a>
<b>Decision Tree</b>	Can you confirm that there will continue to be a separate Childcare Decision Tree, or will it be merging with K-12 guidance? Will it be updated?	It will be separate. This is currently being worked on.
<b>Decision Tree</b>	Who do we contact if a district is not following the current COVID-19 decision tree protocols?	If you have any questions, please email <a href="mailto:LiveWellEducation@sdcounty.ca.gov">LiveWellEducation@sdcounty.ca.gov</a> . Local districts have the autonomy for recommendations. Two parts of the Decision Tree that are non-negotiables are to report outbreaks to the County and report cases to employees.
<b>Legislation</b>	Are vision and hearing screenings required by the state at private institutions?	No.
<b>Masking</b>	Are employees who return to work prior to day 11 still required to mask through day 10?	Yes, per Cal/OSHA.
<b>Masking</b>	If they test on 2 consecutive days and the test is negative, they don't have to mask right?	Cal/OSHA requires the masking of employees regardless of the 2 negative tests.
<b>Notifications</b>	Are union reps required to be included in the individual notifications we send out to employees who have been exposed? Or does the 10-day notice that is posted on our website/dashboard meet this requirement for the Rep?	It is based on the wording of the agreement between your district and its employee union(s).

<b>Notifications</b>	Do schools still need to notify the class/school when there is a positive COVID case?	There is no requirement for notification. As of now, the recommendation is to consider sending a notification to the whole school community if there are a lot of cases.
<b>Oral Health</b>	To whom do charters report OHA as we're considered independent LEAs?	At this point, OHA reports are sent to Corinne McCarthy, <a href="mailto:corinne.mccarthy@sdcoe.net">corinne.mccarthy@sdcoe.net</a> . She then sends them to the County. This process may change in the coming years.
<b>Oral Health</b>	Is there a specific way I should be submitting our oral forms? I enter them into our system.	KOHA reporting should be done by a KOHA liaison. KOHA liaison training is available - contact Corinne McCarthy, <a href="mailto:corinne.mccarthy@sdcoe.net">corinne.mccarthy@sdcoe.net</a> , for details.
<b>Outbreaks</b>	To clarify, the notification of outbreaks is to the CDPH, not a requirement to the school community/parents?	When you have a confirmed outbreak, you would work with our Health Department for recommended steps regarding notification.
<b>Outbreaks</b>	If there is an outbreak consisting of 2 students and 1 employee, is the employee required to mask until the outbreak is concluded? Or would it need to be 3 or more employee cases in the outbreak?	Three or more individuals, regardless of their role in the school.
<b>Outbreaks</b>	How do we determine if an outbreak has concluded?	Work with the Epi Schools Team. They monitor outbreaks for 21 days from the last case. They determine if no other cases have been reported, and the case is closed.
<b>Outbreaks</b>	Can we report outbreaks online? What is the link?	It is best to contact the Epi Schools Team directly. Email PHS.EPI <a href="mailto:SCHOOLS.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov">SCHOOLS.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov</a> or call 619-692-8636 (available M-F from 8-4 p.m., excluding holidays)
<b>Outbreaks</b>	Are 3 or more cases within 21 days considered an outbreak, or what is the timeline to have three cases?	3 cases within 7 days. Then the County monitors that outbreak to collect straggler cases to make sure it has concluded.
<b>Outbreaks</b>	Can you clarify the 3-person outbreak scenario? I know many of us are seeing lots of new cases at school, but none of the students/staff are in the same grade or have shared the same indoor space. It's NOT considered an outbreak if the	For cases to be considered an outbreak, they must have an epidemiological link. Please feel free to reach out to the Epi Schools team to discuss any questions about an outbreak determination. SD County Epi school team 619-692-8636 or you may email <a href="mailto:PHS.EPI-SCHOOLS.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov">PHS.EPI-SCHOOLS.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov</a>

	only shared characteristic is that they attend/or work at the same school, correct?	
<b>Outbreaks</b>	Most of our schools have more than 100 employees does this mean we should be reporting outbreaks when a 5% positivity rate is reached and would this include student data? For large workplaces with more than 100 on-site workers, employers must also report when 5% of the workers are COVID-19 cases within a 14-day period, even if they are unlinked.	If you have increased cases, call and discuss the situation with the Epi Schools team. This will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.
<b>Telebriefing Materials</b>	Will the telebriefing recording be shared?	Yes. We will send out the recording, slides, and resources in a follow-up email. If you are not already, you can sign up to receive emails here: <a href="https://sandiegocounty.us1.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=e58769954638fa7f5721aa764&amp;id=9b30c66c8d">https://sandiegocounty.us1.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=e58769954638fa7f5721aa764&amp;id=9b30c66c8d</a>