

K-12 Schools Telebriefing: Q&A Report

October 3, 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 October 3, 2023.** If you have a specific question or need clarification, please email us at COVID-questions@sdcountry.ca.gov or LiveWellEducation@sdcountry.ca.gov.

Topic	Question	Answer
COVID Notifications	Can you please clarify if the letter to a K-12 employee notifying them they were a close contact to a COVID case still must be a written notification sent in 1 business day, or if it can be sent as soon as reasonably possible. The new material said as soon as reasonably possible but refers to some older requirements which requires the letter be sent out in 1 business day. What is the timeline for the employee letters?	As soon as reasonably possible.
COVID Notifications	Is it still correct that schools are not mandated to notify students if they are a close contact for a COVID case? We only have to notify the families if there is a large outbreak?	There's no longer any requirement or recommendation for student notifications. Consider sending a general notification to the whole school community when there are many cases. If you have an outbreak, you'll be working closely with the EPI team, and they can give recommendations for communications strategies.
COVID Notifications	If we are not notified within 10 days and the positive case has already returned to school or work, should we still notify those employees even with it being old?	Yes
Decision Tree	Tracy mentioned the new "Considerations when a Child Has Symptoms of Illness" as a supplement for K-12 schools. Is this document to be used as a supplement or in place of the July 25 Childcare Decision Tree?	This document is a supplement to the CDPH K-12 and Child Care Guidance to mitigate the spread of communicable diseases for the 2023-24 school year. (https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2023-24-School-Year.aspx) The most recent Decision Tree for K-12 is dated August 29th based on that guidance. The childcare snapshot is in the process of being updated and should be released soon.

Epidemiology and Immunization Services Branch	Do SIP and ESIB have different contact emails?	To request SIP services, please email PHS-IZPHN.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov . For ESRT and to report a school outbreak, please email PHS.EPI-SCHOOLS.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov .
EpiPens	Is there a resource for charter schools to get a doctor's order for EpiPens?	Please contact Corinne (corinne.mccarthy@sdcoe.net) - she can direct you to physicians.
EpiPens	I have obtained stocked EpiPens through epipens4schools, however they only provide a max of 2. We recently expanded our campus and would like to stock more. Where could I obtain either free or paid stocked EpiPens?	You need a standing order from a physician prior to applying for free EpiPens. The program may be backed up currently, but email Corinne (corinne.mccarthy@sdcoe.net) and she can assist with the process. https://www.epipen4schools.com/
Outbreaks	Should we monitor outbreaks until there are 0 cases within the 14-day monitoring period? If an additional case is added to the outbreak within that 14 days, does it extend the outbreak out by 14 more days by that person's onset date or test date?	An outbreak is over after 7 days. The EPI team will monitor for 7 more days to collect potentially lagging cases. Contact the EPI schools team (PHS.EPI-SCHOOLS.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov) for more information and questions.
Outbreaks	Does Cal OSHA require masking for employees during an outbreak?	If they have been determined to have close contact during an outbreak.
Stop the Bleed	For Stop the Bleed, does the January date apply to when the building finished construction or only those started after January?	AB 2260 applies to structures constructed on or after January 1, 2023, including those owned and operated by a local government entity. However, the applicability of AB 2260 depends on the structure's occupancy. Trauma kits will be required in assembly buildings with an occupancy of greater than 300, and will also be required in business, educational, factory, institutional, mercantile, and residential (excluding single-family and multifamily dwelling units) buildings with an occupancy of 200 or more.
Stop the Bleed	Did you say that Stop the Bleed training & the kits will be/are required in Schools?	They are not currently required, but they will be required by law for any new construction after January 1st, 2024.

Vaccines	With the new booster, does it have to be from the same company as the other vaccines you received previously?	It is not necessary to match the same brand you received previously. For more information on your specific situation, you can check this CDC website. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html
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