

**Ceres Unified School District**  
**Elementary School Waiver Application Cover Form**

Please submit one application for each local educational agency or equivalent. If applying on behalf of a school district, please submit one application for all elementary schools in the district that are seeking to reopen for in-person instruction. If applying for an independent, private, faith-based, or charter school, please submit an application for each school.

**Background Information**

Name of Applicant (Local Educational Agency or Equivalent): Ceres Unified School District

School Type:

- Traditional Public School
- Charter School
- Private, Independent, or Faith-Based School

Number of schools: 14

13 TK/K-6<sup>th</sup>  
1 Charter K-5

Total Enrollment: 14260

Superintendent (or equivalent) Name: Dr. Scott Siegel

Address: 2503 Lawrence Street, Ceres CA, 95307

Grades/Number of Students Proposed to be Reopened:

TK     K     1<sup>st</sup>     2<sup>nd</sup>     3<sup>rd</sup>     4<sup>th</sup>     5<sup>th</sup>     6<sup>th</sup>

Date of Proposed Reopening: On or after November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

Name of Person Completing Application: Dr. Scott Siegel

Phone Number: 209-556-1500

Email: [ssiegel@ceres.k12.ca.us](mailto:ssiegel@ceres.k12.ca.us)

Signature:

Date: October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## **I. Consultation**

Please confirm consultation with the following groups:

Labor Organization

Name of Organization(s) and Date(s) Consulted:

### **Ceres Unified Teachers Association:**

July 22nd, 2020

August 19th, 2020

September 23, 2020

October 5th, 2020

October 14th, 2020

### **California School Employees Association of Ceres:**

August 25th, 2020

September 23rd, 2020

October 2nd, 2020

Parent and Community Organizations

Name of Organization(s) and Date(s) Consulted:

### **Parent Advisory Committee:**

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **District English Language Acquisition Committee:**

February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

August 3th, 2020

### **Certificated Stakeholders:**

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Classified Stakeholders:**

February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Community Stakeholders:**

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Elementary Reopening Ad Hoc Committee:**

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Education Services Advisory Committee:**

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020  
October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

If no labor organization represents staff at the school, please describe the process for consultation with school staff: N/A

**II. Elementary School Reopening Plans**

Please confirm that elementary school reopening plan(s) addressing the following, consistent with guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the local health department, and are published on the Stanislaus County Office of Education website:

**\*\* See the reopening plan document that addresses each area. The numbers of each item corresponds to sections of the plan.**

**1. Cleaning and Disinfection:** How shared surfaces will be regularly cleaned and disinfected and how use of shared items will be minimized.

**2. Cohorting:** How students will be kept in small, stable, groups with fixed membership that stay together for all activities (e.g., instruction, lunch, recess) and minimize/avoid contact with other groups or individuals who are not part of the cohort.

**3. Entrance, Egress, and Movement Within the School:** How movement of students, staff, and parents will be managed to avoid close contact and/or mixing of cohorts.

**4. Face Coverings and Other Essential Protective Gear:** How CDPH's face covering requirements will be satisfied and enforced.

**5. Health Screenings for Students and Staff:** How students and staff will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 and how ill students or staff will be separated from others and sent home immediately.

**6. Healthy Hygiene Practices:** The availability of handwashing stations and hand sanitizer, and how their use will be promoted and incorporated into routines.

**7. Identification and Tracing of Contacts:** Actions that staff will take when there is a confirmed case. Confirm that the school(s) have designated staff persons to support contact tracing, such as creation and submission of lists of exposed students and staff to the local health department and notification of exposed persons. Each school must designate a person for the local health department to contact about COVID-19.

**8. Physical Distancing:** How space and routines will be arranged to allow for physical distancing of students and staff.

**9. Staff Training and Family Education:** How staff will be trained, and families will be educated, on the application and enforcement of the plan.

**10. Testing of Students and Staff:** How school officials will ensure that students and staff who have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 will be rapidly tested and what instructions they will be given while waiting for test results. Describe how staff will be tested periodically to detect asymptomatic infections.

**11. Triggers for Switching to Distance Learning:** The criteria the superintendent will use to determine when to physically close the school and prohibit in-person instruction.

**12. Communication Plans:** How the superintendent will communicate with students, staff, and parents about cases and exposures at the school, consistent with privacy requirements such as FERPA and HIPAA. Please specifically refer to 34 CFR § 99.

## Safety Guidelines For Elementary Reopening

### Dates for Reopening:

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Preschool-2<sup>nd</sup> grades**

**November 16<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades**

**NOTICE:** Any current/in-place guidance regarding return to in-person instruction for students 1-on-1 or in cohorts as allowed by the state supersedes the plan below.

**\*\*This guidance follows that from the California Department of Public Health (Updated August 3rd, 2020) and the Stanislaus County Public Health and Stanislaus County Office of Education Guidance.**

**\*\*Guidance is subject to change at any time, as the above entities have frequently changed the guidance.**

Safety Measures	Implementation/Distribution
	<b>HYGIENE, SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PPE</b>
<b>Face coverings</b>  * ITEM #2  * ITEM #4	-Face coverings are required for all staff in all settings.  -Face shields if used must be worn with a mask underneath, unless for instructional/pedagogical reasons the mouth needs to be visible to staff and/or students. In these cases the mask can be removed for the activity.  -Students are required to wear a mask 3rd grade and above. They are strongly encouraged below 3rd grade as well, except for under 2 years of age. 2 year-olds through second graders must be under supervision while wearing a mask. Some students may be exempt due to certain medical conditions.

	<p>-Students may take their masks off while eating, drinking and playing outside at recess.</p> <p>-Student masks worn from home should not substantially disrupt the educational environment.</p> <p>-The same requirements must be followed in after school programs and any program held on the school site.</p> <p>-Students are required to wear their masks while on the bus and when entering and exiting the school campus.</p> <p>-The same requirements are in place for visitors to school sites if permitted on campus for an approved function/purpose.</p> <p>-Non-exempt students who do not wear a mask must be excluded from in-person learning on the school campus.</p>
<p><b>Social distancing</b></p> <p>* ITEM #2</p> <p>* ITEM #3</p> <p>* ITEM #8</p>	<p>-Maintain 6 ft of social distance between adults and between adults and students.</p> <p>-Student-to-student distancing should be maintained at 6 ft. as often as possible.</p> <p>-Student desks should be no closer than 6 ft. from the teacher's desk, and 6 ft. apart from one another within the classroom setting as often as possible.</p> <p>-Students may change classes for subject matter rotations etc. as necessary following the 6 ft. spacing as often as is practicable.</p> <p>-Recess activities will require students to play in grade-level cohort groups in separate areas to minimize social mixing.</p> <p>-Meetings of teachers and staff should maintain 6 ft distance between adults and should not exceed 10 people total in the same location (such as a classroom or library). Staff members have the option to ZOOM into in-person meetings. Larger locations (such as a cafeteria or gym) can accommodate more people if social distancing can be maintained. These gatherings should be avoided as much as is practicable.</p>

	<p>-The same requirements are in place for visitors to school sites if permitted on campus for an approved function/purpose.</p> <p>-One-way directional walking will be designated to reduce face-to-face contact throughout the school day.</p>
<p><b>Hand-washing</b></p> <p>* ITEM #6</p>	<p>-Students and staff should wash their hands frequently and thoroughly throughout the day.</p> <p>-Students will be strongly encouraged to wash their hands thoroughly as part of their daily school schedule/routine.</p>
<p><b>Hand sanitizer</b></p> <p>* ITEM #4</p> <p>* ITEM #6</p>	<p>-Staff and students are to use hand sanitizer throughout the day.</p> <p>-Available in all classrooms, offices and communal spaces such as the cafeteria.</p> <p>-Does not take the place of frequent hand-washing.</p>
<p><b>Disposable Gloves</b></p> <p>* ITEM #4</p>	<p>-Not recommended for use by students or staff, with the exception of those conducting duties such as cleaning, sanitizing, first aid, or food service. For these employees the gloves are required and provided.</p>
<p><b>Plastic shields at reception areas</b></p> <p>* ITEM #4</p>	<p>-Plastic shields are installed at reception desks and counters at school sites and the District Office.</p> <p>-Individual shields are available for small group instruction and for any other appropriate reason in the classroom or at the school site.</p>
<p><b>Assemblies, Rallies, Dances, Meetings, Large Gatherings</b></p> <p>* ITEM #2</p> <p>* ITEM #3</p> <p>* ITEM #8</p>	<p>-No large gatherings of students or staff are permitted.</p> <p>-Essential meetings such as staff meetings may be done by ZOOM or other platforms but if they are in-person, social distancing of 6 ft must be maintained between adults, and masks are required as well as the use of hand-sanitizer.</p> <p>-Parent meetings or training are permitted and social distancing must be maintained as well as the wearing of face-coverings and using hand-sanitizer.</p>
<p><b>Drop-off and Pick-up Times</b></p> <p>* ITEM #2</p>	<p>-Parents/guardians must wait for their children outside of the gates to pick-up and drop-off their students at the office or designate gate(s).</p>

<p>* ITEM #3</p> <p>* ITEM #8</p>	<p>-Kindergarten pick-up and drop-off on campus will be permitted for the first 2 days of in person school. A face-covering is mandatory for parents/guardians.</p> <p>-Parents, students, and staff are to follow any screening procedures in place at the school site in response to local COVID case counts and conditions.</p>
<p><b>Daily Pre-Screening for Symptoms at Home</b></p> <p>* ITEM #5</p>	<p>-Parents are required to monitor temperatures and symptoms daily before going to school. Students experiencing symptoms listed should not attend school. Families should contact the school attendance office about their child's absence. Please check daily for the following symptoms:</p> <p>Fever of 100.4 or higher  Cough  Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing  New loss of taste or smell  Chills, fatigue, muscle or body aches  Sore throat  Congestion or runny nose  Nausea  Vomiting or diarrhea</p>
	<p><b>CLEANING and SANITIZING PROCEDURES</b></p>
<p><b>Sanitizing sites, equipment and supplies</b></p> <p>* ITEM #1</p> <p>* ITEM #6</p>	<p>-Custodians will sanitize throughout the day and evenings. An extra custodian has been hired for every school site to clean and sanitize throughout each school day.</p> <p>-Site-specific sanitizing plans will be implemented relative to the specific needs of each site.</p> <p>-Additional cleaning supplies will be distributed to elective course classrooms and spaces where the sharing of supplies and materials takes place as a necessity.</p> <p>-Hand sanitizer will be available in every area people congregate.</p>



	<p>-Cleaning wipes will be provided for all educational settings as supply allows.</p> <p>-Bathrooms and any other communal use areas will receive additional cleaning each day.</p>
	<p><b>FRONT OFFICE CHECK-IN</b></p>
<p><b>District office procedures</b></p> <p>* ITEM #3</p> <p>* ITEM #8</p>	<p>-Visitors to the District Office will follow the intake protocols and screenings in place.</p> <p>-Protocol is posted on site for visitors to review upon entry to the building.</p> <p>-Screening questions are asked, masks are mandatory, and temperature taken.</p>
<p><b>Public/community visitors to sites</b></p> <p>* ITEM #3</p> <p>* ITEM #8</p>	<p>-No volunteers or site visitors from the public are permitted on campus, except for school sanctioned meetings. Visitors must undergo the intake protocol and follow all of the safety guidelines for adults.</p> <p>-Protocol is posted on site for visitors to review upon entry to the building.</p> <p>-Screening questions are asked, masks are mandatory, and temperature taken.</p>
	<p><b>HEALTH PROCEDURES</b></p>
<p><b>Sick child protocol</b></p> <p>* ITEM #7</p>	<p>-Protocols will be followed regarding sick children/children with a temperature of 100.4 or above or exhibiting symptoms.</p>
<p><b>Temperature Checks and Self-Screening</b></p> <p>* ITEM #5</p>	<p>-Staff will have access to thermometers if they choose to take the temperature of a student. Replacement batteries will be made available as needed. Staff take their own temperatures daily. This can be done in classroom or other space and does not need to be done in the front office.</p> <p>-Staff will complete a self-screening and respond to a self-screening form daily.</p>

	<p>-Parents are encouraged to have the student temperatures taken at home in addition to screening for symptoms such as cough, shortness of breath, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, chills and fatigue, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.</p> <p>-Students experiencing symptoms should stay home from school. Absences related to illness will be excused. Students seeking testing due to exposure or symptoms must stay home until they have received their results. Families should contact the school attendance office about their child's absence.</p>
<p><b>Confirmed COVID-19 Cases</b></p> <p>* ITEM #7</p>	<p>-The school district will follow state guidance in response to positive cases and the potential closure of a class, or a school site.</p> <p>-Any class or school quarantines or closures will be decided by Stanislaus County Public Health in collaboration with the District Office leadership.</p>
	<p><b>CLASSROOMS, PLAYGROUNDS and COURSES</b></p>
<p><b>Seating in classrooms</b></p> <p>* ITEM #2</p> <p>* ITEM #8</p>	<p>-All classroom seating must be facing forward and in columns/rows with students 6 ft apart as often as possible.</p> <p>-If limited space and/or furniture limitations make this impossible, arrange the classroom to get as close to the above standard as is practicable.</p> <p>-Students can sit and work collaboratively in small groups or receive small group instruction (ideally no more than 3). Maintain social distancing of 6 ft as often as possible. Students are required to wear masks if social distancing cannot be maintained. Sharing of materials, supplies and equipment should be minimized as much as possible.</p> <p>-Small groups of students of no more than 5 in a group can be on campus working with a staff or staff members on non-instructional/non-academic purposes (assessments,</p>

	<p>orientation, pick up materials etc.). These meetings to the greatest extent possible need to be held outside.</p> <p>-“Carpet-time” at elementary schools is not permitted at this time. This is referring to a whole class sitting at the carpet which would make social distancing impossible.</p>
<p><b>Playgrounds/Play Areas</b></p> <p>* ITEM #2</p> <p>* ITEM #3</p> <p>* ITEM #8</p>	<p>-Are open for use and will be sanitized regularly.</p> <p>-Keep students in classroom and grade level groupings at elementary schools to reduce social mixing. Students will play at recess in grade level cohorts in separate locations.</p> <p>-Maintain social distancing as much as possible between students during recess times which prohibits contact sports and activities. Please follow specific guidance regarding recess and use of/sharing of equipment.</p>
<p><b>1-way walking patterns at sites</b></p> <p>* ITEM #2</p> <p>* ITEM #3</p> <p>* ITEM #8</p>	<p>-1-way walking must be in place for interior hallways and narrow walkways so that students passing each other face-to-face is minimized as much as possible. This is only necessary outside if student lines are passing near to one another.</p> <p>-Social distancing of 6 ft should be maintained in all lines of students as often as possible.</p>
<p><b>Elective Courses/Special Considerations</b></p> <p>* ITEM #2</p> <p>* ITEM #8</p>	<p>-Use of wind instruments is only permitted out of doors.</p> <p>-Singing in Choir is only permitted out of doors, as is singing in Theater courses.</p> <p>-For science labs, students working collaboratively in small groups, all other activities in elective courses, social distancing must be maintained at 6 ft as often as possible and no physical contact can be made between students.</p> <p>-PE: No activities are permitted where students make physical contact, social distancing must be maintained (6 ft as often as possible), use outside spaces as much as possible, locker rooms are permitted for use but spread out the locker assignments as much as space and class size allows, equipment will be used and frequently sanitized.</p>

<p><b>Weight Rooms/Training</b></p> <p>* ITEM #2</p> <p>* ITEM #8</p>	<p>-Social distancing of 6 ft between students as often as possible must be maintained.</p> <p>-Students wipe down/sanitize the equipment between uses.</p> <p>-Should be done outside as much as is practicable.</p> <p>-Indoor weightlifting and fitness conditioning should only occur if gyms and fitness centers are allowed in the county in question.</p>
<p><b>Meal service</b></p> <p>* ITEM #2</p> <p>* ITEM #3</p> <p>* ITEM #8</p>	<p>-Meals will be served in the cafeteria for lunch but should be consumed outside as often as is practicable.</p> <p>-Sanitizing between lunch periods.</p> <p>-Spread out students as much as possible and keep them with their classroom peers (elementary).</p> <p>-Use social distancing in lines (6 ft. as often as possible)</p> <p>-Students are required to wear masks (except for when eating and drinking and maintain social distancing (6 ft. as often as possible).</p> <p>-Use outside eating whenever possible and consider spaces with shade available/possible.</p>
<p><b>TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVEL</b></p>	
<p><b>Buses</b></p> <p>* ITEM #2</p> <p>* ITEM #3</p> <p>* ITEM #4</p> <p>* ITEM #6</p>	<p>-Students are encouraged to wear masks from home.</p> <p>-Students will be required to wear masks 3rd grade and above on the bus and masks will be provided.</p> <p>-Staff is required to wear a face covering as much as is practicable and safe.</p> <p>-Space students out as much as possible.</p>

<p><b>* ITEM #8</b></p>	<p>-Siblings encouraged to sit together.</p> <p>-Buses will be cleaned and sanitized regularly.</p> <p>-Hand-sanitizer will be available for use on the busses and student use will be required.</p> <p>-Open windows when possible for ventilation and when AC is not running.</p> <p>-Use physical distancing when exiting the bus and entering campus.</p>
<p><b>Field trips</b></p>	<p>-No field trips permitted at this time.</p>
<p><b>Travel</b></p>	<p>-No travel outside Stanislaus County for professional learning or meetings unless permission is granted.</p>
	<p><b>CLUBS, ATHLETICS and PROGRAMS</b></p>
<p><b>Athletics</b></p> <p><b>* ITEM #8</b></p>	<p>-Further guidance from CIF will be provided and the information will be updated as appropriate. Follow all current guidance from CIF and Stanislaus County Public Health.</p>
<p><b>School clubs</b></p> <p><b>* ITEM #2</b></p> <p><b>* ITEM #8</b></p>	<p>-Allowed with social distancing maintained of 6 ft during hybrid and full in-person learning models, must be held by ZOOM or another video conferencing platform while in 100% distance learning.</p>
<p><b>ASES</b></p> <p><b>* ITEM #2</b></p> <p><b>* ITEM #8</b></p>	<p>-Program will continue when students return to either a hybrid or fully in-person learning model, using social distancing and spreading students out as much as possible on the school site.</p> <p>-Keep students in class and grade level-alike groups as much as possible to reduce social mixing.</p>

## Additional Plan Information:

### ITEM #5: Staff Screening Procedures and Safety Protocol for Employees

#### Beginning of shift

- Before an employee begins a shift, employees should self-assess their symptoms and complete 3 question self-certification.
  - **Employees must stay home and notify their supervisor if:**
    - They have a fever (above 100.4)
    - Shortness of breath and/or dry cough
    - Sudden loss of taste or smell
    - Headache, nausea, an/or unexplained gastrointestinal illness
    - Any other symptoms of COVID-19
- If an employee is not displaying any COVID symptoms, and is living with or been in close contact with anyone who has been positively diagnosed with COVID-19, they should come to work, immediately isolate themselves and notify their supervisor.
- Supervisors should notify Personnel immediately of any of these circumstances.
- Employees should follow the guidance of their physician.
- Employees are encouraged to notify their supervisor of any pending Covid-19 tests and the results.

#### Employees must always

- Have their temperature checked when entering the work site.
- Wear a face mask.
- Use hand sanitizer and wash hands frequently throughout the day.
- Avoid close proximity conversations without face coverings.

### ITEM #7: Support for Contact Tracing and Protocol for Sick Students

#### **Protocol for Sick Students on Campus- 9/24/2020**

#### **FOR CHILDCARE AND COHORT STUDENTS**

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**CUSD** shall use this [COVID-19 CDC Guidelines Document](#) when presented with students who are experiencing symptoms. Remember that each case may be unique, and thus shall be handled on a case-by-case basis and must involve a School Nurse, Administrator, and the Student Services Department.

If a student becomes sick at school, or a parent calls in their sick child, follow these procedures:

1. Call the Health Clerk/Nurse office first (Do not send students to the office without making contact with Health Clerk)
2. Ensure the student is wearing a mask (unless vomiting or breathing is compromised) and have the student wait outside (weather permitting), away from others, until assistance arrives.
3. Health Clerk or Nurse will determine one of the following next steps:
  - a. Instruct staff to send student to Health Office;
  - b. Instruct staff to send student to Isolation Room; or,
  - c. The Health Clerk or Nurse will come to where the student is located.
4. When a student is being seen, the Health Clerk or Nurse will wear PPE (face mask, face shield, gloves, and gowns as needed).
5. Nurses should be involved and will use the [COVID-19 CDC Guidelines](#) in determining whether a student must go home or is ok to return to class- Not a Health Clerk alone.
6. Notify parent(s) to pick up the student, and complete the [Sick Student Tracking Form](#). This form can be filled out by any staff member. Staff should use these [Written Scripts](#) when communicating with parents.

Childcare only: Student(s) and their siblings must go home together. *\*All other situations involving siblings will be handled on a case-by-case basis involving School Nurse and Administrator(s).*

a. If a staff member is the parent of a sick student, the staff member is responsible for informing the Site Admin/Supervisor to determine whether or not a student can come to the classroom/office or if a staff member must leave campus.

7. Nurse will follow up with the family within 72 hours using our COVID-19 Return to School Screening questions, which are built into the *Sick Student Tracking Sheet (Responses)*.

The School Nurse will communicate with Administration, and inform the teacher(s) and attendance clerk when student(s) may return to campus.

#### References:

1. **CDC: What to do if you are sick:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>
2. **CDC: When you can be around others:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html>
3. **CDPH: Schools Re-opening Recommendations** [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1H0Zwpsf1bt-fEc-g0x\\_VVJr2l\\_utBaX/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1H0Zwpsf1bt-fEc-g0x_VVJr2l_utBaX/view?usp=sharing)

#### ITEM #9: Staff and Parent Training

- Staff has been informed and trained on all of the items on the CUSD Safety Measures Guideline. Further information and training will be conducted through IIPP representatives at each school site and district location/building.
- All reopening plans and guidelines have been published and distributed to staff so that sites can adequately prepare for hybrid reopening.
- Information, updates and reminders will be distribute via several forms of media to keep staff and parents mindful of all aspects of the safety plans.

- Parents will receive all pertinent information regarding the Covid safety measures via multiple forms of media and will have the opportunity to ask questions and receive support from the relevant school or department as needed.
- Parents will receive information and training as necessary at school sites and through the Parent Advisory Committee throughout the school year. Feedback received will guide any changes or additions that may be necessary for the district to consider/implement.
- Parents and staff will receive all information regarding official changes to safety guidelines from local and federal agencies with jurisdiction.

**ITEM #10: Testing of Students and Staff AND**

**ITEM #11: Triggers for Switching Back To Distance Learning**

Ceres Unified School District will follow the guidance published by CDPH below. Testing will be recommended for students when necessary and staff members will take a COVID-19 test once every two months and additionally if necessary. Any changes to the guidance will be adhered to by the district as the year progresses.

	<b>Student or Staff with:</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Communication</b>
1.	COVID-19 Symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, difficulty breathing)  Symptom Screening: Per CA <a href="#">School Sector            Specific Guidelines</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send home</li> <li>• Recommend testing (If positive, see #3, if negative, see #4)</li> <li>• School/classroom remain open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Action needed</li> </ul>
2.	Close contact (+) with a confirmed COVID-19 case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send home</li> <li>• Quarantine for 14 days from last exposure</li> <li>• Recommend testing (but will not shorten 14-day quarantine)</li> <li>• School/classroom remain open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider school community notification of a known contact</li> </ul>



3.	Confirmed COVID-19 case infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notify the local public health department</li> <li>• Isolate case and exclude from school for 10 days from symptom onset or test date</li> <li>• Identify contacts <b>(+)</b>, quarantine &amp; exclude exposed contacts (likely entire cohort <b>(++)</b>) for 14 days after the last date the case was present at school while infectious</li> <li>• Recommend testing of contacts, prioritize symptomatic contacts (but will not shorten 14-day quarantine)</li> <li>• Disinfection and cleaning of classroom and primary spaces where case spent significant time</li> <li>• School remains open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School community notification of a known case</li> </ul>
4.	Tests negative after symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May return to school 3 days after symptoms resolve</li> <li>• School/classroom remain open</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider school community notification if prior awareness of testing</li> </ul>

**(†)** A contact is defined as a person who is <6 feet from a case for >15 minutes. In some school situations, it may be difficult to determine whether individuals have met this criterion and an entire cohort, classroom, or other group may need to be considered exposed, particularly if people have spent time together indoors.

**(††)** A cohort is a stable group with fixed membership that stays together for all courses and activities (e.g., lunch, recess, etc.) and avoids contact with other persons or cohorts.

### **Guidance on School Closure**

*What are the criteria for closing a school?*

Individual school closure is recommended based on the number of cases, the percentage of the teacher/students/staff that are positive for COVID-19, and following consultation with the Local Health Officer. Individual school closure may be appropriate when there are multiple cases in multiple cohorts at a school or when at least 5 percent of the total number of teachers/student/staff are cases within a 14-day period, depending on the size and physical layout of the school.

The Local Health Officer may also determine school closure is warranted for other reasons, including results from public health investigation or other local epidemiological data.

*If a school is closed for in-person learning, when may it reopen?*

Schools may typically reopen after 14 days and the following have occurred:

- Cleaning and disinfection
- Public health investigation
- Consultation with the local public health department

*What are the criteria for closing a school district?*

**SONIA Y. ANGELL, MD, MPH**

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*State Public Health Officer &  
Director*

*Governor*

A superintendent should close a school district if 25% or more of schools in a district have closed due to COVID-19 within 14 days, and in consultation with the local public health department.

*If a school district is closed, when may it reopen?*

Districts may typically reopen after 14 days, in consultation with the local public health department.

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**Additional Notes on this Item:**

- The routine testing of staff coordinated by Stanislaus County Office of Education and conducted throughout the year until directed otherwise by guidance.
- CUSD will use contracts in development to secure testing kits that will be used by staff and then sent to labs for results.
- The scheduling and calendar of staff testing will be monitored by district administration to ensure the instructions regarding test frequency is being followed.
- School site administration and school nurses will facilitate/coordinate the testing of students that may become necessary. Removal from the school population and quarantined procedures will also be monitored and implemented at the school sites.

**ITEM #12: Communications Plans:** How the superintendent will communicate with students, staff, and parents about cases and exposures at the school, consistent with privacy requirements such as FERPA and HIPAA. Please specifically refer to 34 CFR § 99.

- Communication will be sent out promptly to stakeholders if/when potential virus exposures occur.
- CUSD Personnel Division will contact affected employees.
- School site administrators will communicate with families of cohorts that are affected.
- CUSD will be consulting regularly with County Public Health.

- CUSD will aid in employee and contact tracing in coordination with County Public Health.
- The confidentiality of employees and students under FERPA and HIPAA requirements will be adhered to.
- Employees will receive important information when necessary regarding home quarantine and COVID-19 testing.