> Update: 6/30/22
> •Ages 6 months and older eligible for COVID-19 vaccination

With the current high levels of COVID-19 transmission in Los Angeles County, COVID-19 prevention and mitigation strategies are critical for creating safe environments for early care and education (ECE) programs. Below are important measures for programs to take for preventing and minimizing the spread of COVID-19 on site, and to prevent outbreaks. Detailed guidance on recommended strategies and requirements can be found in the Guidance for Early Childhood Education Providers Requirements and Best Practices and in the ECE COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan for actions to take when there are COVID-19 cases at your site. Links in this document can also be found in the ECE COVID-19 Toolkit.

ACTIONS FOR COVID-19 PREVENTION

For prevention questions specific to your site, please contact the Education Prevention Unit at TASchoolSupport@ph.lacounty.gov.

Vaccination: COVID-19 vaccines are now available for anyone 6 months and older. The vaccines are safe and effective at preventing serious illness from COVID-19. Parents and guardians can protect children from getting very sick from COVID-19 by following the vaccine schedule for children and making sure they are up-to-date on vaccines and boosters. Sites interested in hosting a vaccine clinic can fill out a Mobile Vaccine Interest Form. To learn more about COVID-19 vaccines and to schedule an appointment, visit VaccinateLACounty.com or call the COVID-19 information line at (833) 540-0473 from 8am-8:30pm seven days a week.

Ventilation: Ventilation is important for COVID-19 prevention. To optimize ventilation: hold activities outdoors; ensure Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems are serviced to maximize ventilation; improve air filtration such as with portable air filters; open doors and windows to bring in outside air, particularly on buses and other transportation. See CDPH Guidance on Improving Indoor Air Quality in Schools and Best Practices for Gymnasium Ventilation for more information.

Masks: Masking remains an important COVID-19 prevention tool. It is strongly recommended that people* continue to wear masks that fit and filter well in all indoor public places given increased community transmission of COVID-19. *Infants and children under 2 years of age should not wear a mask. Children ages 2 to 8 should wear a mask only when under adult supervision. See Public Health's COVID-19 Masks for more information.

Symptom screening: Conduct symptom screening for staff and participants to limit spread of COVID-19 on site. If individuals feel sick and have symptoms of COVID-19, they should stay home and get tested. See ECE COVID-19 Toolkit for how to implement symptom screening at your site and the Decision Pathways for Symptoms and Exposure for what to do if an individual shows symptom of COVID-19.

ACTIONS FOR COVID-19 EXPOSURE MANAGEMENT

For questions about COVID-19 exposure management at your site or reporting COVID-19 cases, please contact the Education Exposure Management Unit at ACDC-Education@ph.lacounty.gov.

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Testing: COVID-19 testing permits us to identify individuals with COVID-19 to prevent further spread on site. Testing also allows sites to bring participants and staff back safely from isolation after an initial positive COVID-19 test. See COVID-19 Testing and COVID-19 Testing Resources for Childrenv for more information. If your site needs support for over-the-counter, or at-home, COVID-19 tests, contact your local Resource and Referral (R&R) Agency (https://www.ccala.net/connect-to-child-care/).

Isolation for COVID-19 Cases and Instructions for Close Contacts: Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 **must** follow Public Health's COVID-19 Isolation Instructions and notify their close contacts. Individuals who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or are close contacts, **must** follow the COVID-19 Instructions for Close Contacts. Sites can refer to the Actions for Isolation and Close Contacts flow charts for more information.

Reporting COVID-19 cases to DPH: Sites are **required** to notify Public Health and the Community Care Licensing Division of all individuals with COVID-19 who were on site in the 14 days before they became ill (the date of symptom onset or the date of the COVID-19 positive test, whichever is earlier). For reporting to Public Health, sites can securely report cases online through SPOT (https://spot.cdph.ca.gov/s/?language=en_US). All case notifications should be submitted within 1 business day of being notified of the case. If there are 3 or more COVID-19 cases identified at the site within a span of 14 days, the site should immediately report the cluster, and Public Health will investigate to determine if an outbreak has occurred. See the ECE COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan and ECE COVID-19 Toolkit for more information, including reporting instructions and training videos.

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