



COVID-19 Prevention & Exposure Management Summer School Programs for TK-12 Youth

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- 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 summer youth 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 [Protocol for TK-12 Schools](#) and the [TK-12 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 [TK-12 Schools 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 [TK-12 Schools COVID-19 Toolkit](#) for how to implement symptom screening at your site and what to do if an individual shows symptoms 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.



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](#) for more information. If your site needs any support for over-the-counter, or at-home, COVID-19 tests, contact acdc-education@ph.lacounty.gov.

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 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). 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 [TK-12 Exposure Management Plan](#) and [TK-12 Schools COVID-19 Toolkit](#) for more information, including reporting instructions and training videos.

