



YPI CHARTER SCHOOLS

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TO: YPI Charter Schools (YPICS)
Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: Updates to the COVID-19 Safety Plan for Bert Corona, Bert Corona Charter High School, and Monseñor Oscar Romero Charter School.

BACKGROUND

During the end of December 2021, LA County experienced an unprecedented spike in COVID-19 cases. In response to the surge in cases, the Los Angeles Department of Public Health (LADPH) made a number changes to [Reopening Protocols for K-12 Schools: Appendix T1](#), [COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan Guidance in TK-12 Schools](#), [Screening and Exposure Decision Pathways for Symptomatic Persons](#), and [Health Officer Orders](#). The changes are reflected in the COVID-19 Safety Plan for Bert Corona, Bert Corona Charter High School, and Monseñor Oscar Romero Charter School.

The YPICS COVID-19 Safety Plan serves as the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) signed into law on March 11, 2021 for the Elementary and Secondary School Relief Fund (ESSER). ARP ESSER, also known as ESSER III. This plan is required to be updated at least every six months to incorporate new or revised CDC guidance and directives from CPDH and LADPH.

ANALYSIS

The following reflect changes to the FCPS COVID-19 Safety Plan in alignment to guidance by LADPH.

- Outdoor Masking: Masking now required for all outdoor activities when physical distancing is not feasible (except while eating or drinking). (See [Reopening Protocols](#).)

- New Surgical-Grade or Higher Level Masks Required for Staff in 2 Weeks: Staff are required to wear surgical-grade masks (medical procedure masks) or higher level PPE (e.g., KN95, N95 respirator masks). For those wearing surgical-grade masks, double masking with a cloth face covering is recommended for enhanced protection.
 - Deadline for compliance for this masking rule is two weeks after post-holiday reopening. (See [Reopening Protocols](#), pg. 5.)
 - YPICS has purchased these masks for staff.
- New Isolation Rules: In short, everyone who tests positive for COVID-19 must isolate for at least 5 days. How long they have to isolate depends on whether they have symptoms and if they get a negative follow-up viral test (antigen) on day 5 or later. LADPH recommends using an antigen test for the follow-up viral test because other tests (NAAT/PCR) can remain positive even after the individual is no longer infectious. YPICS has purchased Antigen tests for staff and students to potentially shorten the isolation timeframe.

1. If employee tested positive and never developed COVID-19 symptoms:

Employee must stay home until:

(1) At least 5 days have passed the day employee’s initial positive test was taken; AND (2) employee has a negative viral COVID-19 test collected on day 5 or later

-OR-

Employee must stay home for 10 days after initial positive test was taken

Please Note: Day 0 is the day the positive test was taken. Day 1 is the first full day after the positive test was taken.

2. If employee tested positive **with** COVID-19 symptoms:

Employee must stay home until:

(1) At least 5 days have passed since symptoms first started; (2) employee has a negative viral COVID-19 test collected on day 5 or later; (3) employee has not had a fever for at least

24 hours; AND (4) employee’s symptoms are improving

-OR-

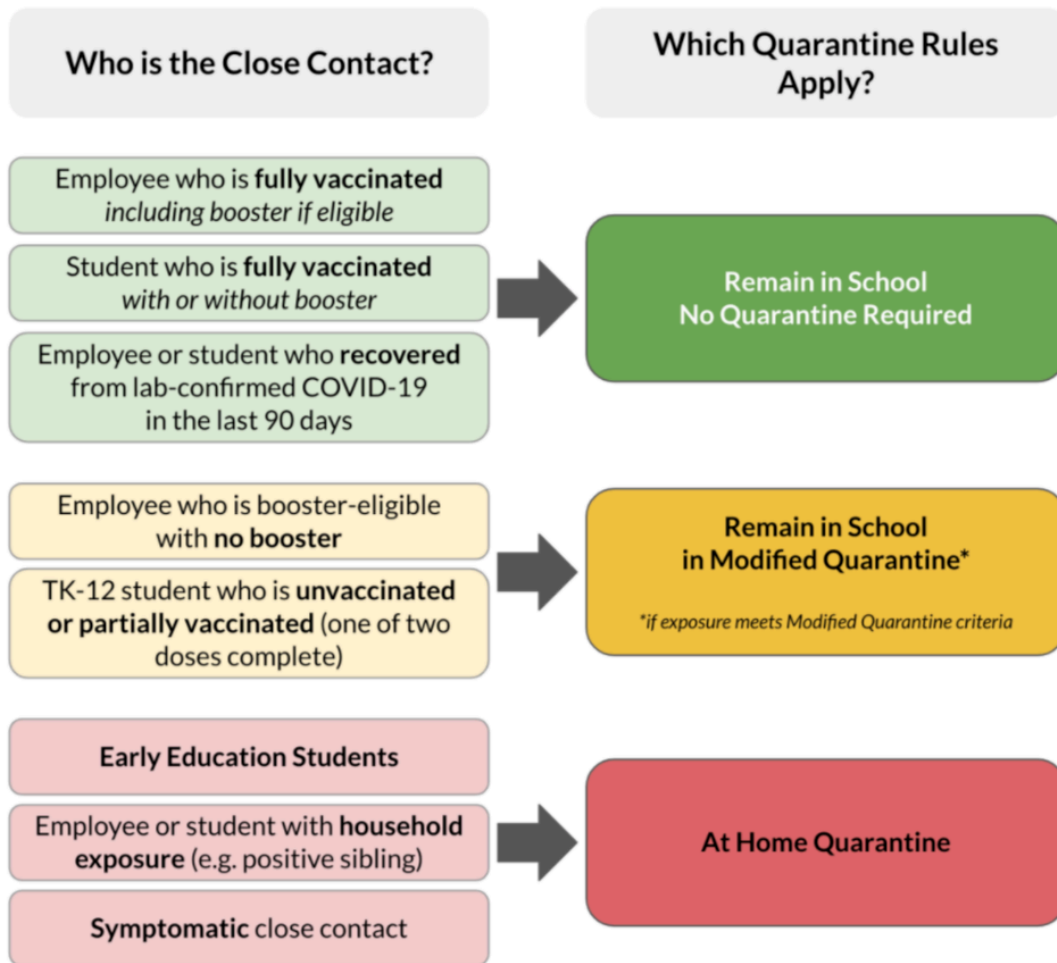
Employee must stay home until:

1. At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first started; (2) employee has not had a fever for at least 24 hours; and (3) our symptoms are improving

Any individual who tests positive must also wear a **mask indoors and outdoors for 10 days** per LADPH’s isolation instructions.

- New Close Contact Requirements: LADPH updated the quarantine requirements for close contacts ([Exposure Management Plan](#), see pgs., 3-4.) These rules have a lot of nuances. The quarantine requirements depend on factors like an individual’s vaccination status, if the individual developed symptoms, etc. See the FlowChart for a close contact below.

Quarantine Guidelines At-A-Glance (See also: LACDPH School Quarantine Flow Chart)



There is new exemption that may be useful: close contact staff members who 1) received their booster OR who are fully vaccinated but not yet booster-eligible, and 2) are asymptomatic, may remain in school as long as they test and the test specimen must be collected on Day 5 after the date of their last exposure.

LADPH also still allows an optional modified quarantine for close contact students who are asymptomatic and satisfy other conditions (e.g., close contact student and person

with COVID-19 must have both worn a mask consistently during entire exposure period, must be tested twice a week, etc.) ([Exposure Management Plan](#), pg. 5.)

RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item only and no action is required.