



# L.A. Unified

## Community Engagement Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

\*Responses may change based on LA County Department of Public Health Guidance.

### General



#### 1. What is the Community Engagement Team?

The Community Engagement Team is composed of nurses and administrative staff. If employees or parents have questions related to a positive result, potential exposure, or symptoms of COVID, they can email the Community Engagement team directly at [CE@lausd.net](mailto:CE@lausd.net) or they could call 213-725-5637 between 6:00am to 9:00pm Monday thru Friday and from 8:00am to 4:30pm on Saturday.



#### 2. What is a Daily Pass?

The [Daily Pass](#) is a one-stop-shop online tool for students, parents, employees and others who are regularly on campus. The Daily Pass allows individuals to schedule a COVID-19 test appointment, view test results, submit test records, schedule a vaccination appointment, submit vaccination records and generate a Daily Pass QR code, when they answer the Daily Health Check screening questions prior to arriving at school or a District office. In addition, parents are able to manage the consents for testing for their child within the Daily Pass.



#### 3. What if there is a medical reason my child cannot be vaccinated or tested? Who do I call to get this issue taken care of?

Students who do not wish to participate in the COVID-19 testing program will not be permitted to return to school in-person and may enroll in the District's online independent study program offered through [City of Angels](#).



#### 4. What do we do with students whose parents will not allow them to be tested?

Testing teams are doing everything possible to accommodate every family and make sure the testing process is as smooth as possible. Folks can upload external test results if they prefer to test with their own doctor. Who have also developed contingency plans for those who arrive without a test on the first day of school (but are willing to be tested).



#### 5. Will I know about an outbreak in my student's school?

Yes, administrators are required to notify employees and families about positive cases at the school site. On the first day of school, families can access their school's COVID dashboard. This tool notes positivity rates in a school and community. Principals and the Community Engagement Team in the Office of COVID Response will communicate all necessary information about close contact exposures.



#### 6. When is it deemed that a classroom or school is shut down?



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*In consultation with the Superintendent and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health will make determination about epi-linked cases that result in partial or whole school closures.*



### 7. Will you send homework home if there is a quarantine?

*While a child is at home, they will continue their learning with the curriculum currently used by the class or teacher. Every effort will be made to ensure continuity of learning.*



### 8. What might be some reasons that a Daily Pass is not obtainable?

1. **Symptomatic** - If COVID-19 symptoms are present, the individual or caregiver must contact their doctor and/or get tested for COVID-19 at an LAUSD testing sites or other non-LAUSD test locations. A COVID-19 test can be scheduled at [dailypass.lausd.net](https://dailypass.lausd.net).
2. **Exposure** - If the individual was exposed to someone positive for COVID-19 the individual must follow the latest quarantine guidelines.
3. **Tested Positive** - If the individual received a positive COVID-19 test result, the individual must follow isolation guidelines until cleared by the Community Engagement team.



### 9. What has been the experience with infection in elementary schools during summer school?

*The district's infection rate was lower than the county's infection rate but correlated with the rise of the Delta variant. We learned that the rate of in-school transmission can remain low if appropriate mitigation measures are in place as we have at LAUSD.*



### 10. Is it ok to send my child back if she's over any major illness symptoms, but her sniffle and cough are lingering?

*If a child had a previous illness and tested negative for COVID-19, the school nurse will evaluate the symptoms and inform the parent if the child can return to school.*

## COVID-19 Tests: Results & Implications



### 11. How do I submit my external COVID-19 test results?

To submit your external COVID-19 test result, here is a quick guide: <https://bit.ly/DPUExtCOVIDTest1Pager>. Visit [dailypass.lausd.net](https://dailypass.lausd.net) to get started.



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### **12. Will vaccinated students and employees have to test weekly? If so, WHY?**

All in-person students and staff will have to participate in baseline and periodic testing, regardless of vaccination status. This is based on recent studies that have shown that vaccinated people, while the risks are much less compared to unvaccinated people, can still become sick with COVID and/or transmit COVID to others.



### **13. I tested positive for COVID-19 at a non-LAUSD site. What should I do?**

As per LA County, Department of Public Health reporting requirements, if you test positive at a COVID-19 testing site outside the Los Angeles Unified's testing program, you should notify your school principal or supervisor and isolate yourself until you receive further instructions from the Community Engagement. You should also submit a copy of your test results to the Daily Pass by selecting "Submit External Test Results" at <https://dailypass.lausd.net>.



### **14. If I test positive for COVID-19, can I take another test to confirm?**

You should only test again if you are asymptomatic, have had no known exposure to COVID-19, were not in a high-prevalence area, and it has been less than 48 hours since you took your positive test.



### **15. What is a "close contact" to a case and what does it mean to be a close contact?**

A close contact is any person who was within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes within a 24 hour period. If you are a close contact of a known positive case, please contact your principal or supervisor. The Community Engagement will contact you to provide you with the latest quarantine and isolation guidelines.

Vaccinated close contacts are recommended to test within 5 days and may return to work/school on the 8th day if the test is negative?



### **16. What will students do for school if they and their class are sent home to quarantine?**

While a child is at home, they will continue their learning with the curriculum currently used by the class or teacher. Every effort will be made to ensure continuity of learning. Your child will stay in their home school and will not be placed into the City of Angels online independent study program.



### **17. How long is quarantine?**

1. Students and staff who are considered "close contacts" to a positive case (within six feet for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period or had unprotected contact with their bodily fluids) must quarantine for 10 days. On the 5th day of quarantine, students and staff considered close contacts can



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test for COVID. The student or staff (regardless of vaccination status) they may return on the 8th day if they continue to be asymptomatic and tested negative on the 5th day.

- a. If a student or staff tests positive the following instructions will be given:
  - i. Stay home until at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared and there is no fever for at least 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication). Symptoms such as shortness of breath and cough should also improve before going back to a school site.
  - ii. Anyone who has a condition that severely weakens the immune system may need to stay home for longer than 10 days. Consult with your healthcare provider.
  - iii. After completing the isolation period and receiving clearance from the Community Engagement team, students/employees should return to work or school.
- b. If a student or staff tests positive, but does not have symptoms, they must stay home for 10 days after the positive test result. After completing the isolation period and receiving clearance from the Community Engagement team, students/employees should return to work or school.
- c. Employees and students who have tested positive for COVID-19 and completed their isolation period should not take another COVID-19 test for 90 days because of the possibility of a false-positive result. An individual who has recovered from COVID-19 may have low levels of virus in their bodies for up to 3 months and may continue to test positive although they are not contagious. After completing the isolation period and receiving clearance from the Community Engagement team, students/employees should return to work or school.



### **18. What to do if I am in close contact with someone suspected of having COVID-19?**

Household members of suspected COVID-19 cases should self-quarantine and schedule a test. It is important to separate yourself from other people in your household even if you do not have any symptoms, because you can transmit the virus before symptoms develop. While awaiting the results of a household member, it is important to monitor yourself for symptoms. If you have any COVID-19 symptoms you should call your healthcare provider immediately and make arrangements to be tested for COVID-19. If your household member's test comes back negative, and you are symptom-free, you may discontinue self-quarantine.



### **19. Does an employee or student who tested positive need to take another test before returning to work or school?**

Employees and students who have tested positive for COVID-19 and completed their isolation period should not take another COVID-19 test for 90 days because of the possibility of a false-positive result. An individual who has recovered from COVID-19 may have low levels of virus in their bodies for up to 3 months and may continue to test positive although they are not contagious. After completing the isolation period and receiving clearance from the Community Engagement team, students/employees should return to work or school.



### **20. Do I need to quarantine if I've been exposed to COVID-19 although I am vaccinated?**

Yes, you will need to quarantine for at least 5 days. After five days, you may retest and if the results are negative, you may return to your school or work site.



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### **21. Are you willing to test all adults in students' homes, so we can stop the spread?**

*The District is prioritizing student and employee testing. If appointments are available, a family member can schedule an appointment to test with their child. Please note that we are prioritizing student and employee testing for the two weeks prior to the start of the school year.*

## COVID-19 Vaccinations



### **22. Are you going to require adults and 12-18 year-olds to be vaccinated?**

*As of August 9, LA Unified has not required eligible students nor staff to be vaccinated. The District strongly encourages all eligible members of the LA Unified community to be vaccinated, and has a number of community clinic partnerships that can be found [here](#). There are also plans to offer vaccinations at school sites for eligible 12-18 year old students later in August.*



### **23. How do I submit my external COVID-19 vaccination card?**

*Please upload your vaccination card at [dailypass.lausd.net](https://dailypass.lausd.net). A guide is available [here](https://bit.ly/DPUploadExtVacc1Pager): <https://bit.ly/DPUploadExtVacc1Pager>. To update your prior submission, please contact Community Engagement at [CE@lausd.net](mailto:CE@lausd.net).*



### **24. Where can I get vaccinated?**

*Families, staff, and the public can access vaccines at a number of our health centers. Locations and hours can be found [here](#). LA Unified will also offer vaccinations to eligible students at their school sites beginning later in August.*



### **25. Why aren't you requiring all employees at schools to be vaccinated?**

*At this time, we are not mandating vaccines, we have provided access to vaccines. We encourage everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated. Vaccination continues to be the greatest protection against the Delta variant.*