



COVID-19 PREVENTION PROGRAM

COVID-19 Prevention Program (IIPP) for Ventura County Schools Business Services Authority

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1. Purpose
 - A. In an effort to protect the health and safety of our employees, Ventura County Schools Business Services Authority (BSA) has prepared this COVID-19 Prevention Program (“CPP”) intended to provide information related to the prevention of coronavirus, describe procedures and safe practices to keep employees safe and to help prevent the spread of coronavirus in the workplace.
2. Scope
 - A. This program applies to all employees and contains general prevention and best practices as well as procedures related to COVID-19 in the Ventura County Schools Business Services Authority workplace.
 1. This program does not apply to employees while working from home.
 - B. This program can also be implemented during a declared outbreak, epidemic, or pandemic of other infection disease for which public health officials have issued guidelines and recommendations.
 1. Including H1N1 influenza (swine flu), H5N1 influenza (avian flu), Norovirus, Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) and Tuberculosis
 - C. This program can help keep staff healthy during an outbreak including during cold and flu season.
 - D. This program does not apply to employees while working from home.
3. Authority and Responsibility
 - A. Program Manager
 1. Chief Business Official has overall authority and responsibility for implementing the provisions of this CPP in our workplace.
 - B. In addition, all site administrators, managers, and supervisors are responsible for implementing and maintaining the CPP in their assigned work areas and for ensuring employees receive answers to questions about the program.
 - C. Employee Responsibilities
 1. All employees are responsible for using safe work practices, following all directives, policies, and procedures, and assisting in maintaining a safe work environment.
 2. Employees must immediately report any symptoms of COVID-19 they experience whether the symptoms developed while at work or elsewhere. Employees must also promptly disclose positive COVID-19 tests.
 3. An employee must stay home if they are sick, follow public health agency guidelines, and contact their supervisor or manager for further instructions.

4. Employees must cooperate with any investigation related to the onset of illness, date of symptoms, others with whom the employee had close contact, and coronavirus testing among other topics.

4. Definitions

A. COVID-19 Case: a person who:

1. Has a positive "COVID-19 test" as defined,
2. Is subject to COVID-19-related order to isolate issued by a local or state health official, or
3. Has died due to COVID-19, in the determination of a Ventura County Public Health Department or is included in the COVID-19 statistics of Ventura County.

B. Close contact: being within six feet of a COVID-19 case for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or greater in any 24-hour period within or overlapping with the "high-risk exposure period" as defined.

1. This definition applies regardless of the use of face coverings.
2. Exception Employees have not had a close contact if they wore a respirator required by the employer and used in compliance with manufacturer's instructions, whenever they were within six feet of the COVID 19 case during the high-risk exposure period.

C. COVID-19 Test: a viral test for SARS-CoV-2 that is:

1. Approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or has an Emergency Use Authorization from the FDA to diagnose current infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus; and
2. Administered in accordance with the FDA approval or the FDA Emergency Use Authorization as applicable.

D. Exposed Group: all employees at a work location, working area, or a common area at work, where and employee COVID-19 case was present at any time during the high-risk exposure period. A common area at work includes bathrooms, walkways, hallways, aisles, break or eating areas, and waiting area.

1. The Following exceptions apply:

- a) *For the purpose of determining the exposed group, a place where persons momentarily pass through while everyone is wearing a face covering, without congregating, is not a work location, working area, or a common area at work.*
- b) *If the COVID-19 case was part of a distinct group of employees who are not present at the worksite at the same time as other employees, for instance a work crew or shift that does not overlap with another work crew or shift, only employees within that distinct group are part of the exposed group.*

- I. Protective wear includes face coverings and equipment typically considered personal protective equipment
 - J. Worksite:
 1. Any work location, working area, or common area at work, including restrooms, walkways, hallways, aisles, break or eating areas, and waiting areas.
 2. the building, store, facility, agricultural field, or other location where a worker worked during the infectious period.
 - a) *It does not apply to buildings, floors, or other locations of the employer that a COVID-19 case did not enter.*
 3. Examples: Schools, school buildings, offices, office buildings, maintenance and operations facilities, transportation facilities, and other local educational agency facilities
5. System for Communicating
- A. BSA will ask employees to report the following to their supervisor or Human Resources/ Personnel:
 1. COVID-19 symptoms,
 2. Possible close contact, and
 3. Possible COVID-19 hazards at the district or school sites.
 4. BSA will not discriminate or retaliate for reporting symptoms, exposure, or hazards.
 - B. Provide information regarding procedures or policies for accommodating employees with medical or other conditions that put them at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness.
 - C. Provide information to ensure access to COVID-19 testing.
 1. Testing as required by state law, regulation, or state or local public health order, the district or charter school shall inform affected employees of the reason for the COVID-19 testing and the possible consequences of a positive test.
 - D. Communicate information about COVID-19 hazards and the employer's COVID-19 policies and procedures to employees and to other employers, persons, and entities within or in contact with the employer's worksite.
 1. Give notice of the potential close contact, within one business day, in a way that does not reveal any personal identifying information of the COVID-19 case, to the following:
 - a) *All employees who may have had close contact and their authorized representatives.*
 - b) *Independent contractors and other employers present at the worksite during the high-risk exposure period.*
 2. Effective January 1, 2021,

a) *BSA will provide a written notice to all employees, and the employers of subcontracted employees, who were on the premises at the same worksite as the qualifying individual within the infectious period that they may have been exposed to COVID-19, in a manner the employer normally uses to communicate employment-related information.*

b) *Provide a written notice to the exclusive representative, if any, of employees who have received notification.*

c) *Notification must include information regarding COVID-19-related benefits to which the employee may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws.*

- FMLA/CFRA (Family Medical Leave Act/California Family Rights Act Leave)
- Available Sick Leave/ Paid Time Off (PTO)
- Negotiated leave provisions
- Workers Compensation

d) *Notification must include information on the cleaning and safety plan that the employer plans to implement and complete per the guidelines of the federal Centers for Disease Control.*

3. Confidentiality

a) *Personal identifying information of COVID-19 cases or persons with COVID-19 symptoms shall be kept confidential. All COVID-19 testing or related medical services provided by the Ventura County Schools Business Services Authority shall be provided in a manner that ensures the confidentiality of employees.*

- Exception: Unredacted information on COVID-19 cases shall be provided to the VCPH, CDPH, Cal/OSHA, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), or as otherwise required by law immediately upon request.

b) *Ensure that all employee COVID-19 medical records are kept confidential and are not disclosed or reported without the employee's express written consent to any person within or outside the workplace.*

- EXCEPTION 1: Unredacted medical records shall be provided to the VCPH, CDPH, Cal/OSHA, NIOSH, or as otherwise required by law immediately upon request.
- EXCEPTION 2: This provision does not apply to records that do not contain individually identifiable medical information or from which individually identifiable medical information has been removed.

E. If a staff member has had close contact, they should:

1. Call in sick, notifying their supervisor/HR
 2. Self-quarantine at home for 10 days
 3. Discuss with supervisor or Human Resources/Personnel possible exposure to co-workers
- F. When a staff member becomes sick at school or the office:
1. Staff member should be sent home immediately
 2. Staff member must be rapidly tested and provided instructions while waiting for test results.
 3. Staff member should monitor their health
 4. Call in sick as necessary.
- G. Employees that return to work following an illness promptly report any recurrence of symptoms
6. Identification and evaluation of COVID-19 hazards
- A. BSA takes seriously its obligation to locate, identify and correct potential COVID-19 hazards in the workplace. The following will be implemented:
1. Review applicable orders and general and industry-specific guidance from the State of California, Cal/OSHA, and VCPH related to COVID-19 hazards and prevention.
 2. Conduct workplace-specific evaluations using the Identification of COVID-19 Hazards forms.
 3. Evaluate existing COVID-19 prevention controls in our workplace and the need for different or additional controls as outlined in section 12.
 4. Evaluate employees' potential workplace exposures to all persons at, or who may enter, our workplace.
 5. Conduct periodic inspections using the COVID-19 Inspection's form
 - a) *Inspections will be monthly.*
 6. For indoor locations, evaluate how to maximize the quantity ventilation with outdoor air the highest level of filtration efficiency compatible with the existing ventilation system.
- B. Employee Participation
1. Employees and their authorized employees' representatives are encouraged to participate in the identification and evaluation of COVID-19 hazards by:
 - a) *Making recommendations for improvement for evaluation and control of COVID-19 hazards.*
- Employees may use their name or remain anonymous.

2. BSA has elected to use a labor/management safety and health committee to discuss safety and health including identification, evaluation, and control of COVID-19 hazards
- C. Employee screening
 1. We screen our employees by:
 - a) *Taking temperatures upon arrival with non-contact thermometers.*
 - face coverings will be used during screening by both screeners and employees
 - b) *Employees will certify on self-screen forms they have not had or done any of the following:*
 - Fever at or above 99.5 in the past 24 hours.
 - Cough or other respiratory symptoms.
 - Other symptoms related to COVID-19,
 - Close contact, as defined,
 - Travel out of the state or country.
7. Investigating and responding to COVID-19 cases in the workplace
 - A. The following procedures shall be taken in advance of a report of a COVID-19 case and after their report to help identify employees who may have been had close contact:
 1. To facilitate contact tracing, employees will sign in and out when visiting a department that is not their own
 - B. Investigating COVID-19 CASES.
 1. When a report is made of a positive test of symptoms identified by a health care professional, the COVID-19 case will be excluded from the worksite and interviewed to establish:
 - a) *Dates they have been at the work site*
 - b) *Dates COVID-19 Case tested positive or first experience symptoms*
 - c) *With whom they have been in contact*
 - d) *What other work sites they may have visited*
 - Refer to VCPH Positive Case Line List Form
 2. Determine who may have been be considered a close contact by definition:
 - a) *Review sign in logs*
 - b) *Consider COVID-19 Case primary worksite*
 - c) *Review report for additional locations*
 - C. Responding to COVID-19 cases

1. COVID19 cases and exposed employees will be excluded in accordance with sections 14 and 15 of this program.
 2. Notify all staff who have been at the worksite with the qualified individual during the infectious period in accordance with Section 5, System for Communicating.
 3. Ensure COVID-19 are available to employees who were exposed at the worksite
 - a) *Exposed employees*
 - Employees are permitted to go to a testing site during work hours and BSA will assist with scheduling as needed.
 - Testing provided at no cost to the employees
 - all information received in connection with testing and reporting shall be kept confidential except for reports to VCPH as required.
 - b) *Other employees will be directed to VCPH testing sites.*
 4. Investigate whether any workplace conditions could have contributed to the risk of close contact and what could be done to reduce exposure to COVID-19 hazards in accordance with Section 6 of this program.
 5. Hazard correction will occur in accordance with Section 8 of this program and paragraph 16.e.3), if applicable.
 6. Clean and disinfect all areas the qualified individual has been to help prevent the spread of the virus in accordance with paragraph 12.b.6) of this program.
 7. Notification to VCPH will be sent according to paragraph 13.a.1) of this program and paragraph 16.f., if applicable.
 8. Notification to Cal/OSHA will be sent according to paragraph 13.a.2) of this program, if applicable.
 9. All employee COVID-19 Cases will be reported to the workers' compensation claims administrator, Athens Administrators.
 - a) *Use the COVID-19 Positive Test Report from the workers' compensation claims administrator.*
8. Correction of COVID-19 hazards
- A. Unsafe or unhealthy work conditions, practices or procedures shall be corrected in a timely manner based on the severity of the hazards.
 - B. Hazards shall be corrected according to the following procedures:
 1. When observed or discovered; and
 2. Corrected in a timely manner based on the severity of the hazards

- C. Hazard correction is implemented through:
1. Maintenance work orders.
 2. Purchasing of necessary cleaning and sanitizing supplies, restroom supplies, hand sanitizer, and/or sanitizing wipes.
 3. Training and instruction
 4. Direct, verbal, or written communication with employees and when necessary.
9. Training and instruction
- A. Training and instruction will include the following:
1. Ventura County Schools Business Services Authority COVID-19 policies and procedures to protect employees from COVID-19 hazards
 2. Information regarding COVID-19-related benefits to which the employee may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws.
 - a) *This includes any benefits available:*
 - FMLA/CFRA (Family Medical Leave Act/California Family Rights Act Leave)
 - Available Sick Leave/ Paid Time Off (PTO)
 - Negotiated leave provisions
 - Workers Compensation
 3. COVID-19 transmission:
 - a) *The fact that COVID-19 is an infectious disease that can be spread through the air when an infectious person talks or vocalizes, sneezes, coughs, or exhales.*
 - b) *that COVID19 may be transmitted when a person touches a contaminated object and then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth, although that is less common.*
 - c) *that an infectious person may have no symptoms.*
 4. Methods of physical distancing of at least six feet and the importance of combining physical distancing with the wearing of face coverings.
 5. The right of employees that are not fully vaccinated to request a N95 Filtering Face Mask for voluntary use, without fear of retaliation, and our policies for providing the N95 filtering Face Masks. Employees voluntarily using N95 Face Masks will be trained as follows
 - a) *How to properly wear them,*
 - b) *How to perform a seal check according to the manufacturer's instructions each time a N95 Filtering Mask Is worn, and the fact that facial hair can interfere with a seal,*

c) Provide a copy of Appendix D of California Code of Regulations, Title 8 Section 5144.

6. The fact that particles containing the virus can travel more than six feet, especially indoors, so physical distancing must be combined with other controls, including face coverings and hand hygiene, to be effective.
 7. The importance of frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and using hand sanitizer when employees do not have immediate access to a sink or hand washing facility, and that hand sanitizer does not work if the hands are soiled.
 8. Proper use of face coverings and the fact that face coverings are not respiratory protective equipment.
 9. COVID-19 symptoms, and the importance of not coming to work and obtaining a COVID-19 test if the employee has COVID-19 symptoms.
10. Physical distancing
- A. During an outbreak or major outbreak, all employees in the exposed group, and visitors to that worksite will be separated from other persons by at least six feet
 - B. Physical distancing will be maintained when required face coverings cannot be worn indoors.
 - C. All employees and visitors will be separated from other persons by at least six feet,
 1. Exception: momentary exposure while persons are in movement.
 2. Exception: where it can demonstrate that six feet of separation is not possible.
 - D. Methods of physical distancing include:
 1. Telework or other remote work arrangements, if practical.
 2. Reducing the number of persons in an area at one time, including staff and visitors.
 3. Stanchions with straps or chains used to delineate physical distances.
 4. Visual cues such as signs and floor markings to indicate where employees and others should be located or their direction and path of travel.
 5. When a conference room, classroom, or office has two doors, one will be designated an entrance and the other will be designated as the exit
 6. Staggered arrival, departure, work, and break times.
 - E. When it is not possible to maintain a distance of at least six feet, individuals shall be as far apart as possible.
11. Face coverings

- A. BSA will provide face coverings and ensure they are worn by all employees regardless of vaccination status, when indoors and in vehicles
1. Face coverings are optional outdoors in all settings.
- B. During an outbreak or major outbreak, all employees in the exposed group, and visitors to that worksite will be required to wear face coverings.
- C. A face covering is worn over the nose and mouth, not under the nose or under the chin.
1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) **does not recommend** using masks with exhalation valves or vents because this type of mask may not prevent a person from spreading COVID-19 to others.
 - a) *The hole in the material caused by the valve or vent may allow respiratory droplets to escape and reach others.*
- D. Face coverings are to be clean and undamaged.
- E. Face shields are not a replacement for face coverings, although they may be worn together for additional protection.
- F. Exemptions for required wearing of face coverings include:
1. When an employee is alone in a room or vehicle.
 2. While eating and drinking, provided employees are at least six feet apart and outside air supply to the area, if indoors, has been maximized to the extent possible.
 3. Employees wearing respiratory protection in accordance with a written Respiratory Protection Program or other written program required by Cal/OSHA.
 4. Employees who cannot wear face coverings due to a medical or mental health condition or disability, or who are hearing-impaired or communicating with a hearing-impaired person.
 5. Specific tasks which cannot feasibly be performed with a face covering.
 - a) *This exception is limited to the time period in which such tasks are actually being performed,*
 - b) *Example: because of difficulty breathing during high intensity activities in departments such as maintenance, grounds, custodial.*
 - c) *The unmasked employee shall be at least six feet away from all other persons unless unmasked employees are tested at least twice weekly for COVID-19.*
- G. Employees exempted from wearing face coverings due to a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability will wear an effective non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom, if their condition or disability permits it
- H. Any employee required to, but not wearing a face covering, face shield with a drape or other effective alternative, or respiratory protection, for any reason, shall be at least six feet apart from all other persons.

- I. Any employee may wear a face covering when not required by a law, regulation, or health order, unless it would create a safety hazard, such as interfering with the safe operation of equipment.
 - J. Signs will be posted at each entrance to communicate to non-employees the face coverings requirements on the premises.
12. Other engineering controls, administrative controls, and personal protective equipment
- A. Engineering Controls
 1. To the extent feasible, the quantity of outside air for buildings with mechanical or natural ventilation systems will be enhanced by:
 - a) *The heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system is adjusted to allow maximum outside air.*
 - b) *The HVAC system air filters will be upgraded to the highest efficiency compatible with the system.*
 - Maximum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) 13 or 14 are recommended when feasible.
 - c) *Opening doors and windows when weather permits, and the outdoor Air Quality Index is less than 100.*
 2. During an outbreak or major outbreak, solid, clear partitions are installed to enhance, not replace, physical distancing.
 3. During an outbreak or major outbreak, portable air cleaners equipped with high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters will be installed in the worksite of an exposed group, if feasible.
 4. Portable air cleaners equipped with high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters are installed in health offices and isolation areas.
 5. Solid, clear partitions are installed to enhance, not replace, physical distancing.
 6. Stanchions with straps or chains are used to delineate physical distances.
 7. Expandable pointers or laser pointers to help staff with computer controls from distance.
 - a) *Laser pointers will only be pointed at objects, not persons.*
 - B. Administrative Controls and Safe Practices
 1. Working remotely, when feasible.
 2. Meeting remotely.
 3. Visual cues such as signs and floor markings to indicate where employees and others should be located or their direction and path of travel.
 4. One-directional hallways.

5. To facilitate physical distancing, when a conference room, classroom, or office have two doors, one will be designated an entrance and the other will be designated as the exit.
6. Scheduled and Periodic Cleaning and Disinfecting
 - a) *Frequently touched surfaces at offices are to be cleaned at least daily and, as practicable, these surfaces should be cleaned frequently throughout the day by trained staff.*
 - b) *Frequently touched surfaces in the office include, but are not limited to:*
 - Door handles,
 - Light switches,
 - Copier,
 - Tables and desks,
 - Chairs
 - c) *Only disinfecting products approved for use against COVID-19 on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)- approved list "N" will be used.*
 - d) *Shared tools and equipment*
 - Items that employees come in regular physical contact with, such as telephones, headsets, desks, keyboards, writing materials, instruments and tools must also not be shared, to the extent feasible.
 - Where there must be sharing, such as photo copiers, the items will be disinfected between uses by each person after use.
 - Sharing of vehicles will be minimized to the extent feasible, and high-touch points (for example, steering wheel, door handles, seatbelt buckles, armrests, shifter, etc.) will be disinfected between users.
7. Healthy Hygiene Practices
 - a) *An adequate number of restrooms with sinks and soap will be provided per the California Plumbing Code.*
 - Areas without soap and water will be provided with hand sanitizer

b) *Employees are encouraged to wash their hands frequently throughout the day, including:*

- Before and after eating.
- After coughing or sneezing
- Before and after using the restroom

c) *Employees are encouraged to wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap, rubbing thoroughly after application.*

- Note: frequent handwashing is more effective than the use of hand sanitizers.
- Soap products marketed as “antimicrobial” are not necessary or recommended.

d) *Employees are encouraged to use fragrance-free hand sanitizer when handwashing is not practicable.*

- Sanitizer must be rubbed into hands until completely dry.
- Sanitizer containing methanol (methyl alcohol) is prohibited.

e) *Employees are encouraged to avoid contact with one’s eyes, nose, and mouth.*

f) *Employees are encouraged to use tissue to wipe their nose and to cough/sneeze inside a tissue or their elbow.*

g) *Any employees exhibiting symptoms should immediately be required to wear a face covering and should go home or to a healthcare facility, as soon as practicable*

8. **Cleaning and Disinfecting after a COVID-19 case**

a) *The area used by the COVID-19 case will be closed off from use.*

b) *Doors and windows will be opened, if possible, to increase air circulation.*

c) *The affected area will be left vacant for 24 hours or as long as possible before cleaning.*

d) *All areas used by the COVID-19 case will be cleaned and disinfected.*

- Offices, classrooms, restrooms, common areas, shared electronic equipment, photo copiers, touch screens, keyboards, etc.

e) *Only disinfecting products approved for use against COVID-19 on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)- approved list “N” will be used.*

f) *Soft surfaces will be misted using an electrostatic sprayer or vacuumed with a vacuum equipped with a HEPA filter.*

g) If more than seven days since the COVID-19 case visited or used the affected area, additional cleaning and disinfection is not necessary.

C. Personal Protective Equipment

1. Personal protective equipment will not be shared.

2. Goggles or safety glasses

a) Custodians and other employees who use cleaning and sanitizing products, other than surface wipes.

3. Face shields

a) To enhance the effectiveness of goggles, safety glasses, or face coverings.

b) Staff who are hearing-impaired or communicating with a hearing-impaired person.

c) Employees who cannot wear face coverings due to a medical or mental health condition or disability.

- The face shield must have a drape on the bottom

4. Respiratory protection:

a) N95 filtering face masks will be available for voluntary use to all employees who are not fully vaccinated and who are working indoors or in vehicles with more than one person.

b) As supply allows, N 95 filtering face masks will be available for voluntary use to Nurses, health technicians, and/or office staff attending ill or injured students.

c) Respiratory protection will be provided according to The BSA written respiratory protection program in the following situations Employees who cannot wear face coverings due to a medical or mental health condition or disability.

D. Vaccination

1. State Public Health Officer Order of August 11, 2021, requires verification of vaccination status among eligible K-12 school workers, and establishes diagnostic screening testing of unvaccinated workers to minimize the risk that they will transmit while on K-12 school campuses.

2. The following modes may be used as proof of vaccination:

a) COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (issued by the Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control & Prevention or WHO Yellow Card) which includes name of person vaccinated, type of vaccine provided and date last dose administered); OR

b) a photo of a Vaccination Record Card as a separate document; OR

c) a photo of the client's Vaccination Record Card stored on a telephone or electronic device; OR

d) documentation of COVID-19 vaccination from a health care provider; OR

e) *digital record that includes a QR code that when scanned by a SMART Health Card reader displays to the reader client name, date of birth, vaccine dates and vaccine type; OR*

f) *documentation of vaccination from other contracted employers who follow the vaccination records guidelines and standards in the CDPH Guidance for Vaccine Records.*

3. Asymptomatic unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated workers are required to undergo weekly diagnostic screening testing.

a) *PCR testing or antigen testing*

4. For purposes of this Vaccination paragraph 12.d., “Worker” refers to all paid and unpaid adults serving in the school settings described in Section I. Workers include, but are not limited to, certificated and classified staff, analogous staff working in private school settings, and volunteers who are on-site at a school campus supporting school functions.

E. Testing of Symptomatic Employees

1. COVID-19 testing will be available at no cost to employees with COVID-19 symptoms who are not fully vaccinated, during employees’ paid time.

13. Reporting, recordkeeping, and access

A. Reporting

1. Report information about COVID-19 cases at our offices and to the VCPH whenever required by health order, and provide any related information requested by the VCPH.

a) *VCPH Initial Screening Form*

b) *VCPH Positive Case Line List*

2. Report immediately, but not more than eight hours, to Cal/OSHA any COVID-19-related serious illnesses or death, as defined, of an employee occurring in our offices and schools or in connection with any employment.

a) *“Serious illness” means any illness occurring in a place of employment or in connection with any employment that requires inpatient hospitalization for other than medical observation or diagnostic testing*

b) *Exception: This program does not apply to employees while working from home.*

B. Recordkeeping

1. Maintain records of the steps taken to implement our written COVID-19 Prevention Program including the following:

a) *A log of written notifications to employees, authorized employee representatives, and VCPH.*

- Sample letters will also be maintained.

2. Exception: This does not apply where the employee received disability payments or was covered by workers' compensation and received temporary disability
 3. Exception: this does not apply where the close contact is not work related.
15. Return to work criteria
- A. COVID-19 cases with COVID-19 symptoms shall not return to work until:
 1. At least 10 days have passed since COVID-19 symptoms first appeared.
 2. At least 24 hours have passed since a fever at or above 99.5 or higher has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medications and,
 3. COVID-19 symptoms have improved.
 - B. COVID-19 cases who tested positive but never developed COVID-19 symptoms shall not return to work until:
 1. A minimum of 10 days have passed since the date of specimen collection of the first positive COVID-19 test.
 - C. A negative COVID-19 test will not be required for an employee to return to work subsequent to paragraphs A or B.
 - D. Persons who had a close contact may return to work as follows
 1. Persons who had a close contact but never developed any COVID-19 symptoms may return to work after Day 7 from the date of last exposure if the employee has received a negative PCR COVID -19 test result from a specimen collected after Day 5.
 2. Persons who had close contact and developed any COVID-19 symptoms cannot return to work until the requirements of subsection 15 A.) have been met, unless all the following are true:
 - a) *The person tested negative for COVID-19 using a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test with specimen taken after the onset of symptoms; and*
 - b) *At least 10 days have passed since the last known close contact; and*
 - c) *The person has been symptom free for at least 24 hours, including a temperature under 99.5 degrees, without using fever reducing medications.*
 - E. If an order to isolate or quarantine an employee is issued by a local or state health official, the employee will not return to work until the period of isolation or quarantine is completed or the order is lifted.
 1. If no period was specified, then the period will be 10 days from the time the order to isolate was effective, or 10 days from the time the order to quarantine was effective.
 - F. During declared travel restrictions, employees will self-quarantine for 10 days following travel outside the state or country.

16. Multiple COVID-19 Infections and COVID-19 Outbreaks
 - A. This section applies to a workplace covered by this program when there are three or more COVID-19 cases in an exposed workplace within a 14-day period.
 1. This section will stay in effect until there are no new COVID-19 cases detected in our workplace for a 14-day period.
 - B. COVID-19 testing
 1. BSA will provide COVID-19 testing to all employees at the exposed workplace except for those employees not at work during the outbreak or the relevant 14 days or employees who were fully vaccinated before the outbreak. COVID-19 testing will be provided at no cost to employees during employees' working hours.
 2. COVID-19 testing consists of the following:
 - a) *Employees in an exposed workplace will be immediately tested and then tested again one week later. Negative COVID-19 test results of employees with close contact will not impact the duration of any quarantine period required by, or orders issued by, the VCPH.*
 - b) *After the first two COVID-19 tests, COVID-19 testing will continue for employees who remain at the workplace at least once per week, or more frequently if recommended by the VCPH, until there are no new COVID-19 cases detected in the workplace for a 14-day period.*
 - c) *We will provide additional testing when deemed necessary by Cal/OSHA*
 - C. Exclusion of COVID-19 cases
 1. BSA will ensure COVID-19 cases and employees who had close contact are excluded from the workplace in accordance with Sections 14 and 15 of this program.
 - a) *Or as ordered by the local health officer if applicable*
 - D. Additional Measure
 1. During an outbreak or major outbreak, all employees in the exposed group, and visitors to that worksite will be separated from other persons by at least six feet.
 2. During an outbreak or major outbreak, all employees in the exposed group, and visitors to that worksite will be required to wear face coverings.
 3. During an outbreak or major outbreak, portable air cleaners equipped with high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters will be installed in the worksite of an exposed group, if feasible.
 4. During an outbreak or major outbreak, solid, clear partitions are installed to enhance, not replace, physical distancing.
 - E. Investigation of workplace COVID-19 illness

1. An investigation will commence immediately to determine possible workplace-related factors that contributed to the COVID-19 outbreak in accordance with Section 7 of this program.
 - F. COVID-19 investigation, review, and hazard correction
 1. Investigation and review
 - a) *In addition to Sections 6 of this program, we will immediately perform a review of potentially relevant COVID-19 policies, procedures, and controls and implement changes as needed to prevent further spread of COVID-19. The investigation and review will be documented and include:*
 - Investigation of new or unabated COVID-19 hazards.
 - Leave policies and practices and whether employees are discouraged from remaining home when sick.
 - COVID-19 testing policies.
 - Air supply, outside and filtered.
 2. Review Updates
 - a) *Every thirty days that the outbreak continues.*
 - b) *In response to new information or to new or previously unrecognized COVID-19 hazards.*
 - c) *When otherwise necessary.*
 3. Hazard Correction
 - a) *Implementing changes to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 based on the investigation and review*
 - b) *In addition to corrections outlined in Section 8, we will consider:*
 - Moving indoor tasks outdoors or having them performed remotely.
 - Increasing outdoor air supply when work is done indoors.
 - Improving air filtration.
 - Increasing physical distancing as much as possible.
 - N95 Filtering Face Masks, as described in paragraph 12.c.(5).
17. Major COVID-19 Outbreaks
 - A. This section applies to any place of employment covered by this program when there are 20 or more COVID-19 cases in an exposed workplace within a 30-day period.
 1. This section will stay in effect until there are no new COVID-19 cases detected in the workplace for a 14-day period.
 - B. COVID-19 testing

1. COVID-19 testing will be provided twice a week, or more frequently if recommended by VCPH, to all employees present at the exposed workplace during the relevant 30-day period(s) and who remain at the workplace.
 2. COVID-19 testing will be provided at no cost to employees during employees' working hours
- C. Exclusion of COVID-19 cases
1. BSA will ensure COVID-19 cases and employees who had Close contact are excluded from the workplace in accordance with Sections 14 and 15 of this program.
 - a) *Or as ordered by the local health officer if applicable*
- D. Investigation of workplace COVID-19 illnesses
1. An investigation will commence immediately to determine possible workplace-related factors that contributed to the COVID-19 outbreak in accordance with Section 7 and paragraph 16.e. of this program.
- E. COVID-19 hazard correction
1. Hazard correction will occur in accordance with Section 8 and paragraph 16.e.3) of this program.
- F. Additional measures
1. During an outbreak or major outbreak, all employees in the exposed group, and visitors to that worksite will be separated from other persons by at least six feet.
 2. During an outbreak or major outbreak, all employees in the exposed group, and visitors to that worksite will be required to wear face coverings.
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