

GUIDELINES FOR TAKING CARE OF SICK STUDENTS

Sites must prepare taking care of students and staff when they get sick at school. Due to the risk of possibly transmitting COVID-19 to others, individuals who have symptoms of illness must be immediately separated to an isolation area. Individuals who are sick should go home or to a healthcare facility depending on the severity of their symptoms.

Sick students must stay in the isolated Sick Student Area (see Appendix E) area until picked by parent/guardian.

- The room must be well-ventilated - windows and doors left wide open.
- Maintain at least 6 ft distance from others
- Sick individual must wear a disposable mask.
- Staff must use COVID-19 standard precautions when assisting sick students
- Wear a disposable mask, face shield, and gloves
- Maintain as much distancing and limit contact as possible.
- Student must wash hands upon arrival
- Place a surgical mask on the sick student
- Staff should use standard precautions when assisting sick students - for suspected COVID-19, staff should wear a mask, face shield, and gloves
- Provide care keeping as much distance and little contact as possible
- Ask if they have been around someone with COVID-19 or have signs and symptoms of COVID-19
- Take temperature. Ask about and document any symptoms
- Call parent/guardian for immediate pick up
- If a parent/guardian cannot pick up students, consider procedures for arranging transportation to their home
- Offer COVID-19 testing with parent consent
- Provide parent/guardian with Stay at Home/When to Return to School guidelines (Appendix B)
- Disinfect all surfaces after the student leaves and before use by others
- Follow Appendix X guidelines for notifying Health Services when COVID-19 illness or exposure is suspected or confirmed or when there is a possible outbreak of infectious disease

Sources:

Opening Schools Guidelines. California Department of Education. June 2020

COVID-19 Health Services Recovery Plan Resource in Educational Settings, California School Nurse Organization. June 8, 2020.

