



Response to Exposure Guidelines - Students
Diocese of San José Elementary Schools
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In order to align with updated Santa Clara County Department of Public Health and CDPH guidelines for isolation and quarantine for people exposed to Covid-19, the Diocese of San José (DSJ) Catholic Elementary Schools will be offering parents and guardians the opportunity to confirm their child’s vaccination status beginning Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

This opportunity creates an additional option for students who have been identified as a close contact to a person who has tested positive for Covid-19. Students who are fully vaccinated¹ may continue at school and do not need to quarantine when exposed to a person who is positive for Covid-19. In alignment with current CDPH guidance², outlined below are the possible responses to a student who has been identified as a close contact³:

Standard Quarantine	Shortened Quarantine	Modified Quarantine*	No Quarantine
10-days (return day 11)	Students may return to campus after Day 5 with a negative test	Remain on campus during school hours	Remain on campus and participate in all extracurriculars
Used for students who do not test after exposure	Requires verification of negative test on/after Day 5	Requires onsite testing on or after Day 5	Requires verification of negative test on/after Day 5
	Requires schools to track testing verification and different return dates	Requires schools to track testing verification	Requires school to confirm exposed students are vaccinated

** Modified Quarantines are an option for asymptomatic students identified as close contacts of a school exposure when universal masking has been followed (indoors and outdoors).*

When confirming COVID-19 vaccination status, parents and/or guardians may elect to submit a [Student Vaccination Attestation Form](#) to confirm the information contained in the vaccine record.

Please note, DSJ elementary schools are not currently requiring nor collecting vaccination status of students. However, parents/guardians are encouraged to submit an attestation of vaccination if/when their student is identified as a close contact to a positive case of Covid-19.

Standards and Principles for COVID-19 Vaccine Verification⁴:

- Records should be verified through a private and confidential process.
- Verification should not create or perpetuate social or health inequities or lead to discrimination.
- Verification should not create barriers to essential services or restrict access based on a protected characteristic.
- Students who are not fully vaccinated, or for whom vaccine status is unknown or documentation is not provided, should be considered unvaccinated.

¹ People, including children, are considered fully vaccinated for Covid-19 after they have received all shots they are eligible for and two weeks have passed since their last shot.

² [COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year](#)

³ Students who have been infected with Covid-19 (laboratory confirmed) within the last 90 days for exposures when both parties were wearing a mask do not need to test nor quarantine when identified as close contacts (see CDPH K-12 Guidance above).

⁴ [CDPH Vaccine Record Guidelines & Standards](#)