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Dear Stockton Unified Students, Parents and Families,

Based on the most recent guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), we are streamlining our contact tracing efforts to continue keeping our students and staff at school. Effective immediately, we will expedite our exposure notification process. We will now email or send letters home to all who share a classroom with a positive case as soon as we learn of an exposure reported at school, instead of making individual calls. This allows school staff to better allocate limited time and resources for performing more concise contact tracing in specific areas where unmasked, indoor exposures may exist.

Under the revised notification process, when the school receives a report of a positive case, the following criteria will apply to the entire class:

- If your child was exposed and is **fully vaccinated (2 COVID-19 vaccine doses) and asymptomatic (without symptoms)**, they may stay in school and will not need to get tested.
- If your child was exposed and is **not fully vaccinated and remains asymptomatic**, they may stay in school, with the recommendation to get tested in 3 – 5 days in order to mitigate the potential for further spread. Testing is not mandated at this time, however, we recommend that students are tested.
- If your child is involved in extracurricular activities (sports, bans, clubs etc.) they may continue participating in these activities as long as they remain asymptomatic. If they were exposed at school, we recommend they test within 3 – 5 days from exposure to ensure the safety of all team or group members.

As a reminder, if your child is experiencing symptoms of illness and/or if they test positive for COVID-19, please keep them home from school, contact your school and follow isolation guidance.

Those who are **symptomatic** will be isolated and sent home. Please note: students that test positive can end isolation after Day 5 if symptoms are not present or are resolving and your student tests negative on Day 5 or later.

Testing Options for Students and Staff ONLY (PCR and/or Rapid Antigen Test)

- **Spectrum COVID Clinic Testing:**
 - *Please see attached testing schedule*
- **Home Test Kit**
- **Medical Provider**
 - **Community Testing Sites:** Access testing at one of the many community testing sites listed through HR Support and public health.(<https://hrsupportpros.com/san-joaquin-county-page-2>). These are located at our four (4) comprehensive high schools and are open to the public, students, families and staff.

We thank everyone who continues to do their part to reduce the further spread of COVID-19 by adhering to mitigation strategies of mask wearing, hand washing, testing their children before sending them to school, and staying home if sick or symptomatic.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in keeping our schools safe for all.

Respectfully,
John Ramirez, Jr., Superintendent
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