

COVID-19 Reporting Process

AB 685 mandates increased COVID-19 reporting requirements. School employees must be notified within one business day of any potential exposure to COVID-19 in the workplace with specific information regarding their rights in response to the exposure, as well as the employer's disinfection/safety plan. The local public health agency must be notified within forty-eight hours in the event of an outbreak in the workplace.

School:

- The school will notify all employees at a worksite of potential exposures, COVID-19-related benefits and protections, and disinfection and safety measures that will be taken at the worksite in response to the potential exposure.
- The school 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 person who was infectious with COVID-19 or who was subject to a COVID-19-related quarantine order within one business day.
- The school will notify local public health agencies of all workplace outbreaks, which are defined as three or more laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 among employees who live in different households within a two-week period.
- The school will notify local public health agencies of outbreaks within 48 hours of becoming aware of the number of cases that meets the definition of an outbreak. The school will notify the local public health agency in the jurisdiction of the worksite of the names, phone number, occupation, and worksite of employees who may have COVID-19 or who are under a COVID-19 isolation order from a public health official.
- The school will provide staff who may have been exposed with information regarding COVID-19 related benefits available under federal, state, and local laws. This information would include workers compensation benefits, COVID-19-related leaves, company sick leave, state-mandated leave, supplemental sick leave, and antiretaliation and antidiscrimination protections.
- The school will notify all employees of the disinfection and safety plan that the
 employer plans to implement and complete in accordance with the guidelines of the
 Centers for Disease Control.
- The school will report the business address and NAICS industry code of the worksite where the infected or quarantined individuals work.
- The school will provide information about access to COVID-19 testing.
- The school will provide information about COVID-19 hazards to staff and anyone that comes into contact with the school workplace.

- From January 1, 2021 until January 1, 2023, Cal/OSHA can issue an Order Prohibiting Use (OPU) to shut down an entire worksite or a specific worksite area that exposes employees to an imminent hazard related to COVID-19.
- From January 1, 2021 until January 1, 2023, Cal/OSHA can issue citations for serious violations related to COVID-19 without giving employers 15-day notice before issuance.

Staff:

- Staff need to report to the school, without fear of reprisal, COVID-19 symptoms, possible COVID-19 exposures, and possible COVID-19 hazards at the workplace.
- Staff with medical or other conditions that put them at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness shall inform Human Resources.