

CDPH Safe Schools for All Specific Safety Review

Eligibility Requirements

This Safety Review can be requested either by individual schools or by a district on behalf of multiple schools within a district if there is a uniform request across those schools. The Safety Review Request can be used for all grades K-12.

The Review Process is established for considerations of the following specific situations:

(1) LEAs that were currently open and providing in-person instruction as of January 14, 2021, where it has been determined that, after making good-faith efforts pursuant to the K-12 Schools Guidance to meet the minimum student-to-student physical distancing guidelines in the Guidance, that meeting that minimum would require students being served through in-person instruction on January 14, 2021 to be served solely through distance learning.

NOTE: LEAs submitting a Review Request for this reason must submit this Letter of Intent no later than February 17th, 2021. These LEAs may continue to provide in-person instruction using the same student-to-student distancing between chairs as was in place with Local Health Department approval as of January 14th, while they await a Review Request determination from the State Team.

(2) LEAs that, when the January 14th K-12 Schools Guidance was issued, were in the active process of bringing back additional students for in-person instruction as part of a phased-in reopening process consistent with being considered “open” under the July 17th schools guidance, but never offered all students in at least one grade the option to return for in-person instruction for at least part of the school week while the county was in the Red Tier or lower, and therefore do not meet the revised definition of “open” set forth in the K-12 Schools Guidance issued on January 14, 2021.

NOTE: LEAs submitting a Review Request for this reason must continue to comply with the January 14th K-12 Schools Guidance pending a determination on the Review Request from the State Team.

Instructions for School Safety Review Submission and Approval

1. Letter of Intent to Submit, accessible through the Schools Hub Technical Assistance portal, **must** be submitted and approved prior to submission of a full Safety Review Request. Letters of Intent should be submitted to K12SafetyReview@cdph.ca.gov. Responses regarding approval/denial of Letter of Intent will be sent within one business day.
2. For all Letters of Intent that are approved, a Safety Review Request Form and submission instructions will be sent to the Contact and email provided on the Letter of Intent.
3. This request may be submitted by any LEA operating in California. The submitter will have **ten business days** from the date the Safety Review Request form is emailed to submit the full Safety Review Request, including all necessary signatures, to K12SafetyReview@cdph.ca.gov.
4. The Safe Schools for All Team will have 7 business days from the date the Safety Review Request is submitted to approve, deny or request additional information.