



Updated COVID-19 Protocol and Student Symptom Decision Tree

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Dear St. Junipero Serra Parents,

We wanted to start off with a huge thank you to our St. Serra Community for their commitment and dedication to keeping our students, staff and families safe during this time.

The CDC and the Orange County Health Care Agency continually review and adjust their suggested practices and protocols based on emerging information about COVID-19. This memo is to announce some important changes regarding St. Serra's COVID-19 protocols based on CDC and OCHCA guidance.

Effective January 1, 2021, St. Serra has updated the return-to-school policy when a student is exposed to COVID-19:

- If you are exposed to COVID-19, you will need to quarantine for 10 days from the date of first exposure. Our former quarantine requirement was 14 days. The CDC continues to recommend 14 days, but they have endorsed the updated 10-day quarantine. They recommend that you continue to monitor symptoms for 14 days from the date of exposure.
- If your child does not develop symptoms of COVID-19 or test positive for COVID-19 during the 10 days that the student is quarantined, you do not need to provide a doctor's note to return your child to school.
- However, if during the 10-day quarantine period, your child tests positive for COVID-19, a doctor's note must be provided before your child can return to school.
- All doctor's notes must be provided to Mary Hogan, our Health Room Coordinator, at mhogan@serraschool.org.
- Please keep Mary Hogan informed of any positive test results with your St. Serra students as soon as you receive the test results. We are required to notify the Orange County Health Care Agency of all positive tests results among students or staff. In addition, we need to ensure that we identify anyone on campus who would be considered a Close Contact of the infected person so that we can appropriately notify and quarantine those Close Contacts. This is a critical step in keeping our campus safe and open.

All potential situations related to COVID-19 exposure and COVID-19 symptoms are addressed on the updated Student Symptom Decision Tree document, which is published by the Orange County Health Care Agency (see below). Please review this Decision Tree for the most current information regarding school protocols.

Student Symptom Decision Tree

Screen all students for potential COVID-19 symptoms or exposure

Low-risk: general symptoms



Fever ($\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$)



Sore throat



Congestion/runny nose



Headache



Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea



Fatigue/muscle or body aches

High-risk: red flag symptoms



Cough



Difficulty breathing



Loss of taste/smell

Exposure to COVID-19 positive person?

Close contact: Within 6 ft for > 15 minutes cumulative (regardless of mask)

NO

▶ 1 **low risk** symptom



Send home



Return to school 24 hrs after symptom resolution (without fever reducing medication)

▶ ≥ 2 **low risk** symptoms
OR 1 **high risk** symptom



Send home



Evaluation by health care provider

1

Health care provider confirms alternative diagnosis for symptoms. A health care provider's note must be on file. SARS-CoV-2 PCR test not needed.



Return to school after 24 hrs without fever and symptoms improving

2

Negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR test.



Return to school after 24 hrs without fever and symptoms improving

3

Positive SARS-CoV-2 PCR test
OR
No provider visit or test.



Return to school only after 10 days since symptom onset and 24 hrs without fever. Quarantine close contacts of confirmed cases. Contact HCA if questions. Doctor's note needed to return to school.

YES



Stay home*



Return to school after 10 days from last exposure, unless symptoms develop. Continue symptom monitoring through 14 days after last exposure.

*In consultation with OC Health Care Agency (HCA)

If symptoms develop obtain a PCR test.
If no symptoms during 10 days, no doctor's note needed to return to school.