

SUMMARY GUIDANCE FOR HAWAII K-12 SCHOOLS



Mitigation strategies to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in schools

- **Staying up to date on vaccination – vaccination is the most important strategy to protect students and staff**
 - Everyone who is able to should get up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters as soon as possible
 - The vaccines are free, safe, and help protect people from getting very sick or dying from COVID-19
- **Stay home when sick, except to get medical care**
- **Improving ventilation by opening windows and doors, using fans and ventilation systems, and moving activities outdoors when able**
- **Wear a mask indoors to protect yourself and others when COVID-19 Community Levels are medium or high**
- **Wash hands often and cover coughs and sneezes**
- **Screening testing to identify people with COVID-19 who do not have symptoms or before symptoms develop**
- **Cleaning at least once a day and disinfecting when a sick person or someone who tested positive for COVID-19 has been in the space within the last 24 hours**
- **Ohana bubbles or cohorting to keep students and staff together in small groups**



For more information, visit [HawaiiCOVID19.com](https://hawaiiCOVID19.com)

Additional Resources:

- **Guidance for Schools** - health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019/resources/school-guidance/
- **COVID-19 Vaccines** - [HawaiiCOVID19.com/vaccine/](https://hawaiiCOVID19.com/vaccine/)
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Guidance for Students & Families

If you have COVID-19 symptoms or test positive for COVID-19

Whether you are vaccinated or not, if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or tested positive for COVID-19:

- Do **NOT** go to school and notify the school
- Stay at home (isolation) except to get medical care until:
 - At least 5 full days have passed since symptoms first appeared or if no symptoms, since test was taken; AND
 - At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without use of fever-reducing medicine; AND
 - Symptoms, if any, have improved.
- When you return to school after isolation, wear a well-fitting mask around others indoors from day 6 to 10.

*If you are unable or unwilling to wear a mask and have tested positive, you should remain in isolation for 10 days, regardless of vaccination status.

Instructions for Potentially Exposed Individuals and Close Contacts

Schools are no longer required to identify and notify people who have been in close contact with a person with COVID-19 in school. Schools should have systems in place to notify families and staff of the number of cases on campus on a weekly basis. For students and staff who stay in the same space (e.g., class) throughout the day, schools should notify group members if there was 15 minutes or more of exposure to a person with COVID-19.

Individuals with in-school exposure:

- You can stay in school if you do not have symptoms, regardless of vaccination status.
- Get tested, if possible, at least 5 days after potential exposure to a person with COVID-19, even if you are not having symptoms.
- If symptoms develop, immediately self-isolate and get tested.
- Should wear a well-fitting mask around others indoors for 10 days.



"UP-TO-DATE" includes all recommended COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters for your age group and depends on time since last vaccination.

CLOSE CONTACTS OUTSIDE OF THE K-12 SCHOOL SETTING

If you are up to date on your COVID-19 vaccinations, you do not need to quarantine, but you should wear a well-fitting mask around others indoors for 10 days. If you are not up to date on your COVID-19 vaccinations, you should:

- Stay home for 5 days after you last contact with the person with COVID-19*, AND:
- Get tested, if possible, at least 5 days after last contact with the person with COVID-19, even if you are not having symptoms.
- If symptoms develop, immediately self-isolate and get tested
- Wear a well-fitting mask around others indoors from day 6 to 10 after completing home quarantine.*

*Individuals who have ongoing close contact with a person with COVID-19 because they live in the same house should stay home in quarantine for 5 days after the person with COVID-19 is released from isolation (e.g., day 11).



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