Impacts of COVID-19 on Schools & Distance Learning for 2020-2021

San Francisco Health Commission
September 1, 2020
Safer Reopening for K-12 Schools

• Minimum health and safety standards must be met for reopening schools
• Baseline criteria developed to serve as basis for reopening schools
• School reopening criteria as evidence of low community transmission:
  • State watch list status
  • Health Indicators
Safer Reopening of schools (cont)

• SFDPH, CDPH, and CalOSHA Guidance for Schools and School-Based Programs require elementary school reopening plans to address the following, which will serve as basis for San Francisco reopening:
  • Cleaning and disinfection
  • Small, stable, cohorting
  • Entrance, egress, and movement within the school
  • Face coverings and other essential protective gear
  • Health screenings for students and staff
  • Health hygiene practices
  • Identification and tracing of contacts
  • Physical distancing
  • Staff training and family education
  • Testing of students and staff
  • Triggers for switching to distance learning
  • Communication plans
Out of School Time Resources

• Out of School Time resources permitted by Health Officer:
  • Learning hubs – private and public
  • Recreation and care activities
  • Youth Sports – limited to small stable cohorts of physical activity outdoors
Institutions of Higher Education and Adult Education Programs

• Higher Education permitted by Health Officer:
  • Outdoor classes
  • Limited Indoor classes
  • Athletics
Recent Local Guidance & Information

- Preliminary Guidance: Institutions of Higher Education & Other Adult Education for In-Person Instruction (8/21/20)

- Health Directive (legal order) for Out of School Time providers and updates to Health Order (8/14/2020)

- Interim Guidance: Out of School Time programs (8/14/2020)

- Tip Sheet: Reducing COVID-19 Risks for Learning Pods (8/13/20)

- Preliminary Guidance: Re-opening TK-12 Schools for In-Person, On-Site Instruction (8/10/20)

- COVID-19 Health Checks for Children (8/10/20)

- When someone has suspected or confirmed COVID-19: Quick Guide for Schools, Childcares, and Programs for Children and Youth (8/10/20)

- FAQ: Contact Tracing at Schools, Childcares, and Programs for Children and Youth (8/4/2020)

[https://sfcdcp.org/CovidSchoolsChildcare](https://sfcdcp.org/CovidSchoolsChildcare)
Testing

• Encouraging everyone to contact primary care provider to get tested
• Testing resources available at sf.gov/find-out-about-your-covid-19-testing-options
• Also encouraging everyone to get vaccinations, including flu vaccine
Questions? Comments?

• All official DPH information and guidance is posted at: sfcdcp.org

Thank you for the opportunity to present!