



## County of Sacramento

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Dear Sacramento County Schools, School Districts, and School Leaders,

Earlier this week, Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) released our [elementary school waiver application packet](#). Elementary schools (TK-6) wishing to apply for a waiver to conduct in-person instruction must submit their completed application to [COVID19@saccounty.net](mailto:COVID19@saccounty.net) at least 14 days prior to their desired opening date.

This week, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) [announced new guidance](#) that permits schools to provide targeted, specialized support and services to children and youth in small, stable cohorts. The [State Cohort FAQ](#) provides details on the guidance. The Sacramento County Public Health School Closure Order has been amended to align with this new guidance and we have updated our FAQs for Schools accordingly.

We recommend schools have a system in place for providing regular COVID-19 testing to teachers and school site staff prior to bringing students on campus. As we shared previously, we are finalizing a program for teachers and other school site staff to access dedicated, no-cost COVID-19. This service will be available starting September 14<sup>th</sup>. Details will be available shortly. If you have not already done so, please send the name and contact information of your district/school testing point of contact to Nick Mori at [morid@saccounty.net](mailto:morid@saccounty.net).

We are also in the process of assembling a team of nurses to work exclusively with schools on contact tracing and disease investigation. They will also be your dedicated resource for guidance on addressing COVID-19 cases and possible exposures in your school community and will partner with your staff on contact tracing. We will introduce you to this nurse team in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we adjust to evolving guidance and frameworks. We appreciate your partnership as we work towards safely opening schools for in-person instruction and providing support to the children and families in our community.

Sincerely,

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