

Early Care and Education Sector Telebriefing Q&A Report - 4.12.22 This report includes those questions answered during the telebriefing via the Q&A function. Answers are accurate as of 4.12.2022. If you have a specific question or need clarification please email us at **COVID-EarlyCare@sdcounty.ca.gov**

Topic	Question	Asker Name	Answer(s)
Cal OSHA	Cal OSHA is meeting on April 21 with updates to the ETS that will be effective May 1 through December 31, 2022 ~ do you have any indication that there will be changes for child care in these updates?	Celine Krimston	This is currently being discussed, we will not know definite changes until Cal Osha decides what exactly will be published. We will update you with any changes.
Close Contacts	One of our preschool teachers tested positive for Covid today. 12 students were close contacts yesterday. According to the March 23rd Decision Tree, the close contacts need to quarantine for 5 days and can return to school on the 6th day if they have a negative result. Is this still the protocol?	Cathy Towner	Hi Cathy, Following the Current tree (3/23) is still applicable. This tree states that providers may consider allowing child close contacts who are symptom free to continue to attend care. This is regardless of the child's vaccination status or masking ability, but such factors can be considered. Providers may choose to be stricter and utilize a 5-day quarantine. We recommend all contacts test asap and again on day 3-5 following last day of exposure.
Cohorts	Has the guidance for combining cohorts changed? Is it up to the agency or still recommended to keep separate cohorts?	Dr. Deidre D Jones	Best practice is to utilize stable cohorts to the greatest extent possible. Keeping all cohorts separate is not a requirements, but is encouraged.
Decision Tree	Is the child care decision tree still being used?	Jourdan Hallare	We will be covering the Childcare Decision Tree changes this meeting.
Decision Tree	The slide said March 24, but the tree on the website is dated March 23.	Celine Krimston	Thank you Celine, the tree is dated 3/23 but was actually posted 3/24. Same tree. Thank you! https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/Epidemiology/covid19/Community_Sector_Support/ChildCareServices/Childcare%20COVID%20Decision%20Tree.pdf

Positive Cases	FYI, Epidemiology is telling providers that they do not need to report positive cases unless there are 3 or more to report. They did say that even one case must be reported to CCLD but not to the health department.	Sally Chenoweth	Hi Sally, this is a recent change since CDPH has reinstated this direction in their guidance. Please continue to report all cases to both CCL and Local Health. Thank you so much!
Testing	Are PCR tests still the test that we need to use for symptoms for students and staff? Or can staff especially take an at home test with symptoms and then follow up with another test a few days later if negative the first time?	Anneb	Dr. Motadel will be discussing this recommendation shortly :) Please stay tuned and also reference the childcare tree dated 3/23. Thank you.
Visitors	Are parent volunteers now allowed inside classrooms if they provide vaccination status or proof of a neg COVID test within 48 hours?	suesimpson	https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Child-Care-Guidance.aspx# - please also refer to Visitors section in most current CDPH guidance.