

## BETHANY SCHOOL'S CONTAINMENT CONTROL RESPONSE PLAN 2020-2021

As defined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) the goals of initial containment response include the following;

- *Identify affected students.*
- *Ensure appropriate control measures are promptly implemented to contain further spread.*
- *Determine if transmission and dissemination is occurring.*

Bethany School has put into place clear defined protocols that partner with the CDC and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidelines set forth for reopening schools in lieu of COVID-19. Bethany School's Containment, Control and Response plan for the 2020-2021 school year is listed below.

**Please note:** All Bethany School employees have successfully completed the Contact Tracing Training Course and are certified.

### **2020-2021 Compliance Team**

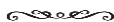
Bethany School's 2020-2021 Compliance Team is listed below;

- Mrs. Tonia Hill, Principal  
*Liaison to the Department of Public Health and Long Beach Health Department*
- Ms. Gina Martinez, Preschool Assistant Director
- Mrs. Diane Golden, Assistant Administrator
- Mr. Eddie Steele, Facility Maintenance Manager

The purpose of the Team is to strategically develop a comprehensive approach to preventing and containing the spread of COVID-19 on campus. The Team will meet as needed to establish and enforce all COVID-19 safety protocols and ensure that staff and students receive current education about COVID-19. The Team also prepares for steps that will be taken immediately upon notification to school officials if a member of the school community tests positive for, or has symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Bethany School's plan addresses the following:

- Immediate separation of the case from the school campus community to self-isolation at home if notification occurs while the case is on-site. This plan will allow for temporary, on-site isolation of the case if arrangements are needed for the person's return to their home.
- Factsheets and informational materials will be given to the case covering regulations governing self-isolation and links to sites with further information.

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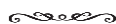
**Strategies and best practices are in place for the following;**

- Students becoming ill at school, displaying COVID-19 symptoms or other symptoms will have their temperature taken and will be isolated until they are picked up from school.
- The library will serve as our isolation location.
- Staff working closely with ill students will have on proper PPE equipment.
- When and if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the classroom will be closed and locked for 24 hours of ventilation. After that time our custodial staff will disinfect all desks, chairs and workspaces of the classroom. Students and staff of said classroom will self quarantine for 14 days.
- Communicating with state and local Long Beach health department to conduct case tracing in the event of a positive case on campus
- We have developed ongoing channels of communication with the state and our local Long Beach Health Department to stay current on COVID-19 transmission and the response within our area.
- Notification when and if there are COVID-19 cases in the school

The Team is responsible to initiate a School Exposure Management Plan consistent with the CDPH guidance outlining procedures for the following;

1. *Isolation of cases.*
2. *Identification of persons exposed to cases at school.*
3. *Immediate quarantine of exposed employees and/or students.*
4. *Information of COVID-19 testing sites for exposed individuals within the school.*
5. *Reporting all COVID-19 exposures at Bethany School to the CDPH.*
6. *Complete Weekly Exposure Form to update the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services of any positive cases, any exposures, any hospitalizations, or deaths on campus due to COVID-19.*
7. *Develop a flue vaccination plan to provide vaccine education, promotion, and documentation of completed, current vaccination with the goal of influenza immunization for all students and staff (unless contradicted by documented medical exemption for flu vaccine).*

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## **Reporting Positive Cases**

If we have a confirmed case of COVID-19 in our school community, we will adhere to the reporting protocols set forth by the CDPH.

Mrs. Tonia Hill is the COVID-19 point person who is responsible for the following;

- Establishing and enforcing all COVID-19 safety protocols
- Ensuring that staff and students receive education about COVID-19
- Serving as a liaison to the Department of Public Health in the event of an outbreak on campus.

Isolation will occur in the school library when students or teacher/staff exhibit symptoms. A plan is in place for disinfecting all affected areas afterward. Bethany School will follow the local public health agency's specific protocols and sample communications. If there is a positive case of COVID-19, Bethany School will follow all county public health procedures.

If Bethany School is contacted by the health department or any other entity with the directive to partially or entirely close, we will do so and begin full Distance Learning.

## **Responding to Positive Cases**

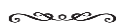
After a confirmed case is reported, specific safety protocols must be followed, and the information about the case will be appropriately shared with the school community.

The key to minimizing the spread of the virus is critical. Educating our staff, students and parents will help prevent and stay the spread of COVID-19. Bethany continues to educate parents with monthly updates concerning COVID-19 and how to remain proactive.

All parents must screen their child at home prior to arriving on campus. Children arriving to school with their parents will receive a second screening. By receiving a second screening parents are declaring their child has not displayed any of the following symptoms within the past 24 hours:

- *Fever above 100.4° F or chills*
- *Persistent cough*
- *Shortness of breath and/or difficulty breathing*
- *Fatigue*
- *Muscle or body aches*
- *Headache*
- *Loss of taste and/or smell*
- *Sore throat*
- *Nausea or vomiting*
- *Diarrhea*

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**If yes to any of the symptoms above**, the student will be asked to stay home until fever-free for 24 hours.

**If a student tests positive**, contacts of student must be quarantined for 14 days. Student will be excluded from school until 10 days after the onset or after testing date if asymptomatic, fever free for 24 hours without medication, and symptoms have significantly improved.

**If student tests negative**, no quarantine of contacts is required and student may return to school 24 hours after symptoms resolve. This is applicable for staff/employees as well.

‘Close Contact’ as defined by the CDC is someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a minimum of 15 minutes starting from 48 hours before illness onset (showing symptoms). In a school setting, this will likely mean a student’s grade-level classmates and teacher.

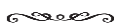
**If a staff or student is in close contact with a person demonstrating COVID-19 symptoms**, they will be asked to quarantine for 14 days and the person with symptoms should be tested. If the person of contact is positive or not tested, again student or staff must quarantine at home for 14 days from time of last exposure to the COVID-19 exposed person. Student or staff is able to “test” out of quarantine by receiving a negative COVID-19 test result. If the person of contact is negative the student or staff may return to school.

**If a staff or student is in close contact to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19**, student or staff must quarantine at home for 14 days from the time of last exposure to the COVID-19 positive person. Again student or staff is able to “test” out of quarantine by receiving a negative COVID-19 test result. If a student or staff becomes symptomatic the student or staff must be tested. If the student/staff test positive, please see test positive above. If student/staff test negative, they are only allowed to return when 14 days of quarantine is complete. If student/staff remains asymptomatic they may return only when 14 days of quarantine is complete.

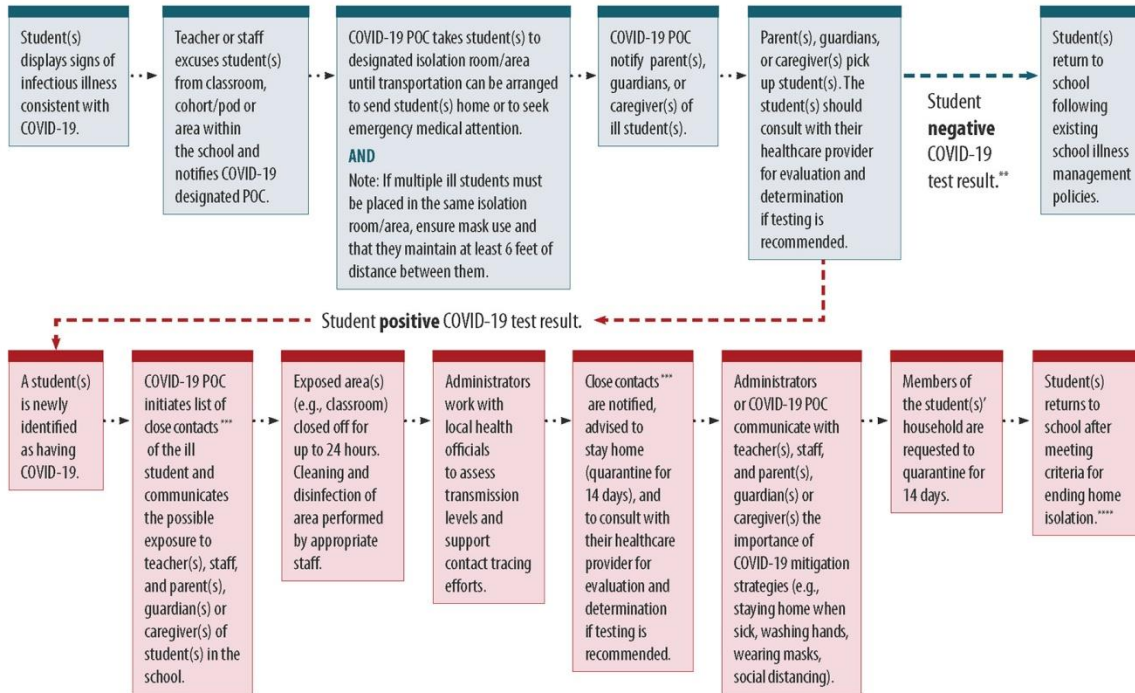
While on campus students will remain in cohorts of 12 and practice social distance to every extent feasible. In the event of a moderate outbreak of COVID-19 cases at Bethany School, we are prepared to follow CDPH guidelines for a short term closure of the school facility. If this occurs, we will continue to deliver content using Bethany’s Distance Learning model and return to the classroom as soon as possible or until we are authorized. If California schools are shut down, all learning will be presented in the Distance Learning model.

**Please note:** All contacts will be reported to the Health Department by the Compliance Team.

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## WHAT TO DO IF A STUDENT BECOMES SICK AT SCHOOL OR REPORTS A NEW COVID-19 DIAGNOSIS\*



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**Note:** COVID-19 POC = the designated point of contact (a staff person that is responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns, such as a nurse)

\* Scenario based on geographic area with community transmission of SARS-COV-2 the virus that causes COVID-19.

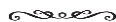
\*\* With no known close contact

\*\*\* Close contact is defined as someone who was within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more within 2 days prior to illness onset, regardless of whether the contact was wearing a mask.

\*\*\*\* Student can end home isolation after meeting all of the following three criteria: at least 10 days since symptoms appeared, at least 24 hours with no fever-reducing medication, and symptoms have improved.

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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## **Teacher/Staff and/or Student Who Become Sick or are Exposed to COVID19**

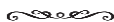
Students or staff members who demonstrate symptoms of illness while on campus will:

Put on a surgical face mask immediately (provided by the school)

Be escorted to the isolation room (library) where they will remain and be monitored until they can be transported home or to a healthcare facility.

- If signs/symptoms are severe, the school will:
  - Call 9-1-1 immediately, then
  - Notify family members
- Students and staff members who have been sent home or to a healthcare facility due to illness or who develop signs of illness at home must:
  - Seek advice from personal doctor whether to take a COVID19 test AND
  - Stay home and isolate using CDC guidelines:
    - Until receiving a negative test response AND 3 days after symptoms resolve OR
    - Stay home and isolate using CDC guidelines until:
      - 10 days since symptoms first appeared AND
      - Fever-free without medication for 24 hours AND
      - Symptoms have significantly improved
- Students and staff members who test positive for COVID19:
  - Must follow Home Isolation Instructions for COVID19
  - Must alert Mrs. Tonia Hill immediately @ 562-597-2814 or [toniahill@bethany-school.org](mailto:toniahill@bethany-school.org)
  - Should expect a follow-up call from the Health Department Case and Contact Investigation Program
  - May return to school/work
    - 10 days from symptom onset or positive test result (unless symptoms continue) AND
    - Fever-free without medication for 24 hours AND
    - Symptoms have significantly improved.
  - May seek advice from personal doctor about the need for a second COVID19 test
- If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID19, the school will:
  - Maintain staff/student confidentiality
  - Report the illness to the Long Beach Health Department and follow the department's guidance for next steps including but not limited to:
    - Asking the person affected to identify all individuals (students, teachers, families and other staff) who have been in close contact with the person for two days prior to the onset of symptoms to the present.
  - Report the illness (and subsequent negative test results, if applicable) to all Bethany families while maintaining confidentiality.
  - Contact staff and students in close contact with the individual regarding next steps utilizing the COVID19 Template Notification Letter (see below)
  - Quarantine all close contacts for 14 days
  - Enforce anti-harassment and discrimination policies.

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Temporarily close rooms used by the individual with COVID19 for disinfection  
Implement learning-from-home measures for students who are isolating or  
quarantining at home. Students who are learning-from-home will not be counted  
“absent,” but will be marked as “learning-from-home.”

Advise staff members regarding sick leave, disability, family leave  
options.

- If there are two confirmed cases of COVID19 on campus (students or staff) during a 14-day period, the school will assess whether the two cases have epidemiological links.  
If no links exist, the school will continue with routine COVID19 monitoring  
If links do exist, the school will reinforce messages with students and staff about precautionary measures to prevent spread.
- If there are three or more COVID19 cases during a 14 day period, the school will:  
Determine if cases have epidemiological links.  
Report the cluster to the Health Department within one business day  
Complete the required reports for cases and contacts  
Follow the Health Department’s guidance for next steps.

\*Students who have seasonal allergies will need to provide a doctor’s note documenting the allergy and its accompanying symptom

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