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Public Health Update

COVID-19 Guidance | School End-of-Year Events

Background

End-of-year school events, including proms and graduation ceremonies, are significant and important life events for students and their families and friends. Attending a large gathering or event also increases the risk of COVID-19 exposure. Marin County Public Health recommends the following multi-layered protective measures to decrease the risk of COVID-19 exposure and outbreaks.

Guidance

Vaccinations

Vaccinated people are at lower risk for being infected and infecting others and are protected from severe illness.

- Encourage all participants to be vaccinated and to stay up to date with recommended boosters
- Consider requiring vaccine verification for large indoor gatherings
- Ready to use vaccine promotion resources can be found at <http://toolkit.covid19.ca.gov/>

Testing

- Ask people with any COVID-19 symptoms (including runny nose) to stay home and [test](#)
- Recommend same-day antigen testing to attend large indoor gatherings
- Instruct participants to monitor for symptoms and to isolate and [get tested](#) immediately if they develop symptoms.

Social Distancing

- Host events outdoors (when practicable)
 - Hold “open air” events, rather than enclosed/confined outdoor spaces when possible
- Improve [ventilation](#) (open doors and windows when the weather permits)
- Use a larger space, reduce the number of participants, and shorten the duration of activity
 - Consider limiting attendance to a fraction of the maximum allowable capacity set by Fire Codes (e.g., fifty percent capacity)
- For indoor [mega-events](#) with 1000 or more people, facilities and event operators should follow CDPH recommendations

Face Covering

Face covering protects both the wearer and those around them from potential infection, especially in poorly ventilated settings or where some may be unvaccinated.

- Provide masks at the door for attendees who may not have one
- Conventional disposable paper masks are superior to cloth masks

Environmental

- Provide hand sanitizer stations for frequent cleaning of hands
- Use signage to remind participants of protective behaviors
- Limit food and drink consumption
 - If providing food and beverage service, individually served, box meals are preferred

Record of Attendance

Maintaining a list of attendees allows notification of potentially exposed individuals if contact tracing reveals COVID-19 transmission may have occurred.

- Maintain a list of participants with contact information for 2 weeks