




MEMORANDUM

Date: July 30, 2021

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry 
County Administrator

Re: **Guidance to School Districts Regarding Actual and Suspected COVID-19 Cases, Notification Requirements and Related Matters**

Due to confusion over isolation requirements for vaccinated and unvaccinated students who have a creditable COVID-19 exposure. Dr. Theresa Cullen issued the attached order, the order specifically requires names and contact information be provided to the Pima County Health Department by the School or School District of known or suspected cases of COVID-19. This information will greatly assist in contact tracing undertaken by the Health Department. The order also specifically outlines the various isolation requirements for the same individuals, both vaccinated and unvaccinated.

We believe that with now over 89 cases and 12 outbreaks in schools since July 20, this order is necessary to protect students, faculty and staff and to assist the Health Department with rapid contact tracing and case investigation as well as provide necessary isolation timelines for unvaccinated as well as vaccinated individuals or students.

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Attachment

c: Jan Leshar, Chief Deputy County Administrator
Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer,
Health and Community Services



**PIMA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
SANITARY MEASURE 2021-01
(Slowing the Spread of COVID-19 in Schools)**

THIS ORDER HAS BEEN REVISED August 4, 2021: REVISED Order can be found at:
https://webcms.pima.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6/File/Health/COVID-19/Schools%20Child%20Care/8-4%20covid%20order%20schools.pdf

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization officially declared a pandemic due to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, prompt detection of cases and their close contacts, followed by rapid implementation of infection control measures, is necessary to control the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Pima County Health Department has identified an accelerated transmission of COVID-19 throughout Pima County, including the increasing presence of the much more transmissible Delta variant; and

WHEREAS, any surge in cases will disproportionately impact unvaccinated people, among them children; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) Emergency Measure 2020-03, administrators of schools must submit a report to the local health department within 24 hours of the identification of an outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-624, a county health department may adopt quarantine and sanitary measures to prevent the spread of an infectious or contagious disease within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-630, any person who violates such a measure is guilty of a class 3 misdemeanor.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. All schools within the jurisdiction of Pima County must report all positive cases of COVID-19 to the Pima County Health Department.
2. Once identified, all known or suspected cases must be sent home as soon as possible.
3. Within 24 hours of confirmation of a case by the Pima County Health Department, schools must provide the names and contact information for individuals who were within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes of the confirmed case during a 24-hour period ("close contacts").
4. Individuals who are confirmed cases must isolate for ten days; release from isolation occurs after ten days as long as the individual is asymptomatic.
5. Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated close contacts must remain at home and be excluded from school and extra-curricular activities. Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated close contacts who remain asymptomatic may return on or after day seven upon providing documentation of a valid negative COVID-19 test collected on or after day ten of the quarantine.

6. Close contacts who can provide documentation of a completed COVID-19 vaccination series may return to school immediately if asymptomatic. Completed vaccination means 14 days from having received a single Janssen/J&J vaccine or the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. Individuals who are vaccinated should test for COVID-19 between day 3 and 5 of their exposure to someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, as well as continue to mask.

ORDERED ON THIS 30th DAY OF JULY, 2021



BY: THERESA CULLEN, M.D., M.S.
DIRECTOR, PIMA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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