

Framework	Individual-Based Tracing (Current)	Group-Based Tracing (New Alternative)
Students with COVID-19	Isolate per general CDPH recommendations	Isolate per general CDPH recommendations
Students exposed to someone with COVID-19	Identify <u>individuals</u> (close contacts) who were within 6 feet for at least 15 mins within 24 hours of someone with COVID-19	Identify <u>groups</u> who shared the same indoor airspace for at least 15 mins within 24 hours of someone with COVID-19
Actions	<u>Individualized</u> recommendations to: - Not quarantine - Modified quarantine - Standard quarantine	<u>Group</u> recommendations to: - Remain in school - Get tested
Testing	All <u>individuals</u> (close contacts), with varying frequency depending on quarantine category	All exposed <u>groups</u> with the same frequency for all
Advantages	- Maintains current operations - Targeted approach to evaluate exposures	- Allows for quicker response - Allows for broader response - May entail less administrative burden
Considerations	Involves more contact-tracing	Involves more testing

Additional Notes:

- Other K-12 mitigation strategies remain the same across both frameworks, including the universal indoor masking requirement, recommendations to receive vaccinations and boosters, and improve indoor air quality
- For both frameworks: school-based and non-school-based testing are acceptable. See K-12 FAQs for more info.
- **Both models are acceptable mitigation strategies to contain transmission of COVID-19 in K-12 schools.**