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Subchapter 7. General Industry Safety Orders

§ 3205. COVID-19 Prevention.

(a) Scope.

(1) This section shall apply until February 3, 2025, except for the recordkeeping subsection 3205(j), which shall apply until February 3, 2026.

(2) This section applies to all employees and places of employment, with the following exceptions:

(A) Work locations with one employee who does not have contact with other persons.

(B) Employees working from home.

(C) Employees with occupational exposure as defined by section 5199, when covered by that section.

(D) Employees teleworking from a location of the employee's choice, which is not under the control of the employer.

~~(2)~~(3) Nothing in this section or sections 3205.1 through 3205.3 is intended to limit more protective or stringent state or local health department ~~mandates orders~~ or guidance.

(b) Definitions. The following definitions apply to this section and to sections 3205.1 through 3205.43.

(1) "Close contact" means the following, unless otherwise defined by regulation or order of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), in which case the CDPH definition shall apply:

(A) In indoor spaces of 400,000 or fewer cubic feet per floor, a close contact is defined as sharing the same indoor airspace as ~~being within six feet of~~ a COVID-19 case for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or ~~more greater in any~~ over a 24-hour period during within or overlapping with the COVID-19 case's infectious period, as defined by this section, regardless of the use of face coverings, ~~unless close contact is defined by regulation or order of the CDPH. If so, the CDPH definition shall apply.~~

(B) In indoor spaces of greater than 400,000 cubic feet per floor, a close contact is defined as being within six feet of the COVID-19 case for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period during the COVID-19 case's infectious period, as defined by this section, regardless of the use of face coverings.

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(C) Offices, suites, rooms, waiting areas, break or eating areas, bathrooms, or other spaces that are separated by floor-to-ceiling walls shall be considered distinct indoor spaces.

EXCEPTION: Employees have not had a close contact if they wore a respirator required by the employer and used in compliance with section 5144, whenever they would otherwise have had a close contact under subsections 3205(b)(1)(A) or (b)(1)(B) were within six feet of the COVID-19 case during the infectious period.

- (2) "COVID-19" (Coronavirus Disease 2019) means the disease caused by SARS-CoV-2 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2).
- (3) "COVID-19 case" means a person who:
 - (A) Has a positive COVID-19 test; or
 - (B) Has a positive COVID-19 diagnosis from a licensed health care provider; or
 - (C) Is subject to a COVID-19-related order to isolate issued by a local or state health official; or
 - (D) Has died due to COVID-19, in the determination of a local health department or per inclusion in the COVID-19 statistics of a county.
- (4) "COVID-19 hazard" means potentially infectious material that may contain SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Potentially infectious materials include airborne droplets, small particle aerosols, and airborne droplet nuclei, which most commonly result from a person or persons exhaling, talking or vocalizing, coughing, or sneezing, or from procedures performed on persons which may aerosolize saliva or respiratory tract fluids.
- (5) "COVID-19 symptoms" means fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea, unless a licensed health care professional determines the person's symptoms were caused by a known condition other than COVID-19.
- (6) "COVID-19 test" means a test for SARS-CoV-2 that is:
 - (A) Cleared, approved, or authorized, including in an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to detect current infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus (e.g., a viral test); and
 - (B) Administered in accordance with the authorized instructions.
 - (C) To meet the return to work criteria set forth in subsection 3205(c)(5)-(c)(10), a COVID-19 test may be both self-administered and self-read only if another means of

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independent verification of the results can be provided (e.g., a time-stamped photograph of the results).

- (7) “Exposed group” means all employees at a work location, working area, or a common area at work, within employer-provided transportation covered by section 3205.3, or residing within housing covered by section 3205.2, where an employee COVID-19 case was present at any time during the infectious period. A common area at work includes bathrooms, walkways, hallways, aisles, break or eating areas, and waiting areas. The following exceptions apply:
- (A) For the purpose of determining the exposed group, a place where persons momentarily pass through ~~while everyone is wearing face coverings~~, without congregating, is not a work location, working area, or a common area at work.
 - (B) If the COVID-19 case was part of a distinct group of employees who are not present at the workplace at the same time as other employees, for instance a work crew or shift that does not overlap with another work crew or shift, only employees within that distinct group are part of the exposed group.
 - (C) If the COVID-19 case visited a work location, working area, or a common area at work for less than 15 minutes during the infectious period, and the COVID-19 case was wearing a face covering during the entire visit, other people at the work location, working area, or common area are not part of the exposed group.

NOTE: An exposed group may include the employees of more than one employer. See Labor Code sections 6303 and 6304.1.

- (8) “Face covering” means a surgical mask, a medical procedure mask, a respirator worn voluntarily, or a tightly woven fabric or non-woven material of at least two layers that completely covers the nose and mouth and is secured to the head with ties, ear loops, or elastic bands that go behind the head. If gaiters are worn, they shall have two layers of fabric or be folded to make two layers. A face covering is a solid piece of material without slits, visible holes, or punctures, and must fit snugly over the nose, mouth, and chin with no large gaps on the outside of the face. A face covering does not include a scarf, ski mask, balaclava, bandana, turtleneck, collar, or single layer of fabric.

This definition includes clear face coverings or cloth face coverings with a clear plastic panel that otherwise meet this definition and which may be used to facilitate communication with people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing or others who need to see a speaker’s mouth or facial expressions to understand speech or sign language respectively.

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- (9) "Infectious period" means the following time period, unless otherwise defined by CDPH regulation or order, in which case the CDPH definition shall apply:
- (A) For COVID-19 cases who develop COVID-19 symptoms, from two days before the date of symptom onset ~~they first develop symptoms until all of the following are true: it has been 10 days since symptoms first appeared; 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications; and symptoms have improved.~~
- (1) Ten days have passed after symptoms first appeared, or through day five if testing negative on day five or later; and
- (2) Twenty-four hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications, and symptoms have improved.
- (B) For COVID-19 cases who never develop COVID-19 symptoms, from two days before the positive specimen collection date through until 10 days after the specimen (or through day five if testing negative on day five or later) after the date on which the specimen for their first positive test for COVID-19 was collected.
- (10) "Respirator" means a respiratory protection device approved by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to protect the wearer from particulate matter, such as an N95 filtering facepiece respirator.
- (11) "Returned case" means a COVID-19 case who was excluded from work but returned to work pursuant to subsection 3205(c)(5)(A)-(c)(10) and did not develop any COVID-19 symptoms after returning. A person shall only be considered a returned case for 90 30 days after the initial onset of COVID-19 symptoms or, if the person never developed COVID-19 symptoms, for 90 30 days after the first positive test. If a period of other than 90 30 days is required by a CDPH regulation or order, that period shall apply.
- (12) "Worksite," for the limited purposes of this section and section 3205.1-s 3205 through 3205.4 only, means the building, store, facility, agricultural field, or other location where a COVID-19 case was present during the infectious period. It does not apply to buildings, floors, or other locations of the employer that a COVID-19 case did not enter, ~~locations where the worker worked by themselves without exposure to other employees, or to a worker's personal residence or alternative work location chosen by the worker when working remotely.~~

NOTE: ~~The term worksite is used for the purpose of notice requirements in subsections (c)(3)(B)3. and 4. only.~~

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(c) Application of section 3203. COVID-19 is a workplace hazard and shall be addressed under section 3203, which requires employers to ~~Written COVID-19 Prevention Program. Employers shall establish, implement, and maintain an effective Injury and Illness Prevention Program. The employer's COVID-19 procedures shall either be addressed in the written Injury and Illness, written COVID-19 Prevention Program, which may be integrated into the employer's Injury and Illness Prevention Program required by section 3203, or be maintained in a separate document. The written elements of a COVID-19 Prevention Program shall include:~~

(1) When determining measures to prevent COVID-19 transmission and to identify and correct COVID-19 hazards, employers shall consider all persons to be potentially infectious, regardless of symptoms, vaccination status, or negative COVID-19 test results. ~~System for communicating. The employer shall do all of the following in a form readily understandable by employees:~~

~~(A) Ask employees to report to the employer, without fear of reprisal, COVID-19 symptoms, possible close contacts, and possible COVID-19 hazards at the workplace.~~

~~(B) Describe how employees with medical or other conditions that put them at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness can request accommodations.~~

~~(C) Provide information about access to COVID-19 testing as described in subsection (c)(5)(I) when testing is required under this section, section 3205.1, or section 3205.2.~~

~~(D) In accordance with subsection (c)(3)(B), communicate information about COVID-19 hazards and the employer's COVID-19 policies and procedures to employees and to other employers, persons, and entities within or in contact with the employer's workplace.~~

~~NOTE: See subsection (c)(3)(C) for confidentiality requirements for COVID-19 cases.~~

(2) When determining measures to prevent COVID-19 transmission and to identify and correct COVID-19 hazards, employers shall review applicable orders and guidance related to COVID-19 from the State of California and the local health department with jurisdiction over the workplace and shall treat COVID-19 as an airborne infectious disease. COVID-19 prevention controls include remote work, physical distancing, reducing the density of people indoors, moving indoor tasks outdoors, implementing separate shifts and/or break times, restricting access to the work area, and other

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~~prevention measures, in addition to the requirements of this section. Identification and evaluation of COVID-19 hazards.~~

- ~~(A) The employer shall allow for employee and authorized employee representative participation in the identification and evaluation of COVID-19 hazards.~~
- ~~(B) The employer shall develop and implement a process for screening employees for and responding to employees with COVID-19 symptoms. The employer may ask employees to evaluate their own symptoms before reporting to work. If the employer conducts screening indoors at the workplace, the employer shall ensure that face coverings are used during screening by both screeners and employees and, if temperatures are measured, that non-contact thermometers are used.~~
- ~~(C) The employer shall develop COVID-19 policies and procedures to respond effectively and immediately to individuals at the workplace who are a COVID-19 case to prevent or reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in the workplace.~~
- ~~(D) The employer shall conduct a workplace specific identification of all interactions, areas, activities, processes, equipment, and materials that could potentially expose employees to COVID-19 hazards. Employers shall treat all persons, regardless of symptoms or negative COVID-19 test results, as potentially infectious.~~
- ~~1. This shall include identification of places and times when people may congregate or come in contact with one another, regardless of whether employees are performing an assigned work task or not, for instance during meetings or trainings and including in and around entrances, bathrooms, hallways, aisles, walkways, elevators, break or eating areas, cool-down areas, and waiting areas.~~
 - ~~2. This shall include an evaluation of employees' potential workplace exposure to all persons at the workplace or who may enter the workplace, including coworkers, employees of other entities, members of the public, customers or clients, and independent contractors. Employers shall consider how employees and other persons enter, leave, and travel through the workplace, in addition to addressing stationary work.~~
- ~~(E) For indoor locations, the employer shall evaluate how to maximize ventilation with outdoor air; the highest level of filtration efficiency compatible with the existing ventilation system; and whether the use of portable or mounted High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtration units, or other air cleaning systems, would reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.~~
- ~~(F) The employer shall review applicable orders and guidance from the State of California and the local health department related to COVID-19 hazards and prevention. These~~

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~~orders and guidance are both information of general application, including Interim guidance for Ventilation, Filtration, and Air Quality in Indoor Environments by CDPH, and information specific to the employer's industry, location, and operations.~~

~~(G) The employer shall evaluate existing COVID-19 prevention controls at the workplace and the need for different or additional controls. This includes evaluation of controls in subsections (c)(4), (c)(6), and (c)(7).~~

~~(H) The employer shall conduct periodic inspections as needed to identify unhealthy conditions, work practices, and work procedures related to COVID-19 and to ensure compliance with employers' COVID-19 policies and procedures.~~

(3) Employees shall receive training regarding COVID-19 in accordance with subsection 3203(a)(7). ~~Investigating and responding to COVID-19 cases in the workplace.~~

~~(A) Employers shall have an effective procedure to investigate COVID-19 cases in the workplace. This includes procedures for seeking information from employees regarding COVID-19 cases and close contacts, COVID-19 test results, and onset of COVID-19 symptoms, and identifying and recording COVID-19 cases.~~

~~(B) The employer shall take the following actions when there has been a COVID-19 case at the place of employment:~~

~~1. Determine the day and time the COVID-19 case was last present and, to the extent possible, the date of the positive COVID-19 test(s) and/or diagnosis, and the date the COVID-19 case first had one or more COVID-19 symptoms, if any were experienced.~~

~~2. Determine who may have had a close contact. This requires an evaluation of the activities of the COVID-19 case and all locations at the workplace which may have been visited by the COVID-19 case during the infectious period.~~

~~NOTE: See subsection (c)(9) for exclusion requirements for employees after a close contact.~~

~~3. Within one business day of the time the employer knew or should have known of a COVID-19 case, the employer shall give written notice, in a form readily understandable by employees, that people at the worksite may have been exposed to COVID-19. The notice shall be written in a way that does not reveal any personal identifying information of the COVID-19 case, and in the manner the employer normally uses to communicate employment-related information. Written notice may include, but is not limited to, personal service, email, or text message if it can~~

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~~reasonably be anticipated to be received by the employee within one business day of sending. The notice shall include the cleaning and disinfection plan required by Labor Code section 6409.6(a)(4). The notice must be sent to the following:~~

~~a. All employees who were on the premises at the same worksite as the COVID-19 case during the infectious period. If the employer should reasonably know that an employee has not received the notice, or has limited literacy in the language used in the notice, the employer shall provide verbal notice, as soon as practicable, in a language understandable by the employee.~~

~~b. Independent contractors and other employers on the premises at the same worksite as the COVID-19 case during the infectious period.~~

~~4. Within one business day of the time the employer knew or should have known of the COVID-19 case, the employer shall:~~

~~a. provide the notice required by Labor Code section 6409.6(a)(2) and (c) to the authorized representative, if any, of the COVID-19 case and of any employee who had a close contact; and~~

~~b. provide the notice required by Labor Code section 6409.6(a)(4) to the authorized representative, if any, of any employee who was on the premises at the same worksite as the COVID-19 case during the infectious period.~~

~~5. Make COVID-19 testing available at no cost, during paid time, to all employees of the employer who had a close contact in the workplace and provide them with the information on benefits described in subsections (c)(5)(B) and (c)(9)(C).~~

~~EXCEPTION TO subsection (c)(3)(B)5.: The employer is not required to make COVID-19 testing available to returned cases.~~

~~6. Investigate whether workplace conditions could have contributed to the risk of COVID-19 exposure and what could be done to reduce exposure to COVID-19 hazards.~~

~~(C) Personal identifying information of COVID-19 cases or persons with COVID-19 symptoms, and any employee medical records required by this section or by sections 3205.1 through 3205.4, shall be kept confidential unless disclosure is required or permitted by law. Unredacted information on COVID-19 cases shall be provided to the~~

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~~local health department, CDPH, the Division, and NIOSH immediately upon request, and when required by law.~~

(4) The employer's procedure to investigate COVID-19 illness at the workplace, as required by subsection 3203(a)(5), shall include the following:

(A) The employer shall determine the day and time a COVID-19 case was last present and, to the extent possible, the date of the positive COVID-19 test(s) and/or diagnosis, and the date the COVID-19 case first had one or more COVID-19 symptoms, if any were experienced.

(B) The employer shall effectively identify and respond to persons with COVID-19 symptoms at the workplace. Employees shall be encouraged to report COVID-19 symptoms and to stay home when ill.

~~Correction of COVID-19 hazards. Employers shall implement effective policies and/or procedures for correcting unsafe or unhealthy conditions, work practices, policies and procedures in a timely manner based on the severity of the hazard. This includes, but is not limited to, implementing controls and/or policies and procedures in response to the evaluations conducted under subsections (c)(2) and (c)(3) and implementing the controls required by subsections (c)(6) and (c)(7).~~

(5) Employers shall have effective methods and/or procedures for responding to a COVID-19 case at the workplace, including the following:

(A) Employers shall immediately exclude from the workplace all COVID-19 cases and employees excluded under section 3205.1. The employer shall demonstrate it has met the applicable requirements below:

1. COVID-19 cases who do not develop COVID-19 symptoms shall not return to work during the infectious period;

2. COVID-19 cases who develop COVID-19 symptoms shall not return to work during the shorter of the following: the infectious period; or through 10 days after the onset of symptoms and at least 24 hours have passed since a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medication.

3. Regardless of vaccination status, previous infection, or lack of COVID-19 symptoms, a COVID-19 case shall wear a face covering in the workplace until 10 days have passed since the date that COVID-19 symptoms began or, if the person did not have COVID-19 symptoms, from the date of their first positive COVID-19 test.

4. The requirements in subsections 3205(c)(5)(A)1. and (c)(5)(A)2. apply regardless of whether an employee has previously been excluded or other precautions were

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- taken in response to an employee's close contact or membership in an exposed group.
- (B) Employers shall review current CDPH guidance for persons who had close contacts, including any guidance regarding quarantine or other measures to reduce transmission. Employers shall develop, implement, and maintain effective policies to prevent transmission of COVID-19 by persons who had close contacts.
- (C) If an order to isolate, quarantine, or exclude an employee is issued by a local or state health official, the employee shall not return to work until the period of isolation or quarantine is completed or the order is lifted.
- (D) If no violations of local or state health official orders for isolation, quarantine, or exclusion would result, the Division may, upon request, allow employees to return to work on the basis that the removal of an employee would create undue risk to a community's health and safety. In such cases, the employer shall develop, implement, and maintain effective control measures to prevent transmission in the workplace including providing isolation for the employee at the workplace and, if isolation is not feasible, the use of respirators in the workplace.
- (E) Upon excluding an employee from the workplace based on COVID-19 or a close contact, the employer shall give the employee information regarding COVID-19-related benefits to which the employee may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws. This includes any benefits available under legally mandated sick leave, if applicable, workers' compensation law, local governmental requirements, the employer's own leave policies, and leave guaranteed by contract.

~~Training and instruction. The employer shall provide effective training and instruction to employees that includes the following:~~

- ~~(A) The employer's COVID-19 policies and procedures to protect employees from COVID-19 hazards, and how to participate in the identification and evaluation of COVID-19 hazards under subsection (c)(2)(A).~~
- ~~(B) Information regarding COVID-19 related benefits to which the employee may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws. This includes any benefits available under legally mandated sick and vaccination leave, if applicable, workers' compensation law, local governmental requirements, the employer's own leave policies, leave guaranteed by contract, and this section.~~
- ~~(C) The fact that COVID-19 is an infectious disease that can be spread through the air when an infectious person talks or vocalizes, sneezes, coughs, or exhales; that COVID-19 may be transmitted when a person touches a contaminated object and then~~

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~~touches their eyes, nose, or mouth, although that is less common; and that an infectious person may have no symptoms.~~

~~(D) The fact that particles containing the virus can travel more than six feet, especially indoors, so physical distancing, face coverings, increased ventilation indoors, and respiratory protection decrease the spread of COVID-19, but are most effective when used in combination.~~

~~(E) The employer's policies for providing respirators, and the right of employees to request a respirator for voluntary use as stated in this section, without fear of retaliation and at no cost to employees. Whenever respirators are provided for voluntary use under this section or sections 3205.1 through 3205.4, the employer shall provide effective training and instruction to employees regarding:~~

- ~~1. How to properly wear the respirator provided;~~
- ~~2. How to perform a seal check according to the manufacturer's instructions each time a respirator is worn, and the fact that facial hair interferes with a seal.~~

~~(F) The importance of frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and using hand sanitizer when employees do not have immediate access to a sink or hand washing facility, and that hand sanitizer does not work if the hands are soiled.~~

~~(G) Proper use of face coverings and the fact that face coverings are not respiratory protective equipment. COVID-19 is an airborne disease. N95s and more protective respirators protect the users from airborne disease while face coverings primarily protect people around the user.~~

~~(H) COVID-19 symptoms, and the importance of not coming to work and obtaining a COVID-19 test if the employee has COVID-19 symptoms.~~

~~(I) Information on the employer's COVID-19 policies; how to access COVID-19 testing and vaccination; and the fact that vaccination is effective at preventing COVID-19, protecting against both transmission and serious illness or death.~~

~~(J) The conditions under which face coverings must be worn at the workplace and that employees can request face coverings from the employer at no cost to the employee and can wear them at work, regardless of vaccination status, without fear of retaliation.~~

(d) Testing of close contacts. Employers shall make COVID-19 tests available at no cost, during paid time, to all employees of the employer who had a close contact in the workplace, with

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the exception of returned cases as defined in subsection 3205(b)(11), and provide them with the information on benefits described in subsection 3205(c)(5)(E).

(e) Notice of COVID-19 cases.

(1) The employer shall notify employees and independent contractors who had a close contact, as well as any employer with an employee who had a close contact. Notice shall be provided as soon as possible, and in no case longer than the time required to ensure that the exclusion requirements of subsection 3205(c)(5)(A) are met.

(2) When Labor Code section 6409.6 or any successor law is in effect, the employer shall provide notice of a COVID-19 case, in a form readily understandable to employees. Notice shall be given to all employees, employers, and independent contractors at the worksite in accordance with the applicable law.

(3) When Labor Code section 6409.6 or any successor law is in effect, the employer shall provide notice in accordance with the applicable law to the authorized representative, if any, of the COVID-19 case and of any employee who had a close contact. The employer shall also provide notice in accordance with the applicable law to the authorized representative, if any, of all employees on the premises at the same worksite as the COVID-19 case within the infectious period.

(f) Face coverings.

(1) Employers shall provide face coverings and ensure they are worn by employees when required by a CDPH regulation or order. When a CDPH regulation or order requires face coverings indoors, that includes spaces within vehicles. Face coverings shall be clean, undamaged, and worn over the nose and mouth.

(2) When employees are required to wear face coverings under this section or sections 3205.1 through 3205.3, the following exceptions apply:

(A) When an employee is alone in a room or vehicle.

(B) While eating or drinking at the workplace, provided employees are at least six feet apart and, if indoors, the supply of outside or filtered air has been maximized to the extent feasible.

(C) While employees are wearing respirators required by the employer and used in compliance with section 5144.

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(D) Employees who cannot wear face coverings due to a medical or mental health condition or disability, or who are hearing-impaired or communicating with a hearing-impaired person. Such employees shall wear an effective non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom, if the condition or disability permits it.

(E) During specific tasks which cannot feasibly be performed with a face covering. This exception is limited to the time period in which such tasks are actually being performed.

(3) If an employee is not wearing a face covering pursuant to the exceptions in subsections 3205(f)(2)(D) and (f)(2)(E) the employer shall assess COVID-19 hazards and take action as necessary based on subsection 3205(c) and on section 3203.

(4) No employer shall prevent any employee from wearing a face covering, including a respirator, when not required by this section, unless it would create a safety hazard.

(g) Respirators. Upon request, employers shall provide respirators for voluntary use in compliance with subsection 5144(c)(2) to all employees who are working indoors or in vehicles with more than one person. Whenever an employer makes respirators for voluntary use available, the employer shall encourage their use and shall ensure that employees are provided with a respirator of the correct size and that employees are trained how to properly wear the respirator provided; how to perform a user seal check according to the manufacturer's instructions each time a respirator is worn; and the fact that facial hair interferes with a seal.

(h) Ventilation.

(1) For indoor workplaces, employers shall review CDPH and the Division guidance regarding ventilation, including "Interim Guidance for Ventilation, Filtration, and Air Quality in Indoor Environments." Employers shall develop, implement, and maintain effective methods to prevent transmission of COVID-19 including one or more of the following actions to improve ventilation:

(A) Maximize the supply of outside air to the extent feasible, except when the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Air Quality Index is greater than 100 for any pollutant or if opening windows or maximizing outdoor air by other means would cause a hazard to employees, for instance from excessive heat or cold.

(B) In buildings and structures with mechanical ventilation, filter circulated air through filters at least as protective as Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV)-13, or the

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highest level of filtration efficiency compatible with the existing mechanical ventilation system.

(C) Use High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtration units in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations in indoor areas occupied by employees for extended periods, where ventilation is inadequate to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

(2) Employers subject to section 5142 or 5143 shall review and comply with those sections, as applicable.

NOTE: Section 5142 requires heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems to be operated continuously during working hours, with limited exceptions.

(3) In vehicles, employers shall maximize the supply of outside air to the extent feasible, except when doing so would cause a hazard to employees or expose them to inclement weather.

(4) A place of employment subject to section 3205.1 after February 3, 2023 shall continue to comply with the ventilation requirements of subsection 3205.1(f) even after the outbreak has passed and section 3205.1 is no longer applicable.

(i) Aerosolizing procedures. For employees in work settings that are exempt from section 5199 in accordance with the conditions in subsection 5199(a)(2)(A) or (a)(2)(B), who are exposed to procedures that may aerosolize potentially infectious material such as saliva or respiratory tract fluids, employers shall evaluate the need for respiratory protection to prevent COVID-19 transmission under section 5144 and shall comply with that section.

NOTE: Examples of work covered by subsection 3205(i) include, but are not limited to, certain dental procedures and outpatient medical specialties not covered by section 5199.

(i) Reporting and recordkeeping.

(1) The employer shall keep a record of and track all COVID-19 cases with the employee's name, contact information, occupation, location where the employee worked, the date of the last day at the workplace, and the date of the positive COVID-19 test and/or COVID-19 diagnosis. These records shall be retained for two years beyond the period in

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which the record is necessary to meet the requirements of this section or sections 3205.1 through 3205.3.

(2) Employers shall retain the notices required by subsection 3205(e) in accordance with Labor Code section 6409.6 or any successor law.

(3) Personal identifying information of COVID-19 cases or persons with COVID-19 symptoms, and any employee medical records required by this section or by sections 3205.1 through 3205.3, shall be kept confidential unless disclosure is required or permitted by law.

Unredacted information on COVID-19 cases shall be provided to the local health department with jurisdiction over the workplace, CDPH, the Division, and NIOSH immediately upon request, and when required by law.

(k) Orders. Pursuant to title 8, section 332.3, the Division may require an employer to take additional actions to protect employees against COVID-19 hazards through the issuance of an Order to Take Special Action.

~~(6) Face coverings.~~

~~(A) Employers shall provide face coverings and ensure they are worn by employees when required by orders from CDPH.~~

~~(B) Employers shall ensure that required face coverings are clean and undamaged, and that they are worn over the nose and mouth. Face shields are not a replacement for face coverings, although they may be worn together for additional protection.~~

~~(C) When employees are required to wear face coverings under this section or sections 3205.1 through 3205.4, the following exceptions apply:~~

~~1. When an employee is alone in a room or vehicle.~~

~~2. While eating or drinking at the workplace, provided employees are at least six feet apart and outside air supply to the area, if indoors, has been maximized to the extent feasible.~~

~~3. Employees wearing respirators required by the employer and used in compliance with section 5144.~~

~~4. Employees who cannot wear face coverings due to a medical or mental health condition or disability, or who are hearing impaired or communicating with a hearing impaired person.~~

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~~5. Specific tasks which cannot feasibly be performed with a face covering. This exception is limited to the time period in which such tasks are actually being performed.~~

~~(D) Employees exempted from wearing face coverings pursuant to subsection (c)(6)(C)4. due to a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability shall wear an effective non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom, if their condition or disability permits it. If their condition or disability does not permit a non-restrictive alternative, the employee shall be tested at least weekly for COVID-19 during paid time and at no cost to the employee.~~

~~(E) Any employee not wearing a face covering, pursuant to the exception in subsection (c)(6)(C)5. shall be tested at least weekly for COVID-19 during paid time and at no cost to the employee. Employers may not use the provisions of subsection (c)(6)(E) as an alternative to face coverings when face coverings are otherwise required by this section.~~

~~(F) No employer shall prevent any employee from wearing a face covering when not required by this section, unless it would create a safety hazard, such as interfering with the safe operation of equipment.~~

~~(G) When face coverings are not required by this section or by sections 3205.1 through 3205.4, employers shall provide face coverings to employees upon request, regardless of vaccination status.~~

~~(H) Employers shall implement measures to communicate to non-employees the face coverings requirements on their premises.~~

~~(7) Other engineering controls, administrative controls, and personal protective equipment.~~

~~(A) For buildings with mechanical or natural ventilation, or both, employers shall maximize the quantity of outside air provided to the extent feasible, except when the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Air Quality Index is greater than 100 for any pollutant or if opening windows or maximizing outdoor air by other means would cause a hazard to employees, for instance from excessive heat or cold.~~

~~(B) To protect employees from COVID-19 hazards, the employer shall evaluate its handwashing facilities, determine the need for additional facilities, encourage and allow time for employee handwashing, and provide employees with an effective hand sanitizer. Employers shall encourage employees to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds each time. Provision or use of hand sanitizers with methyl alcohol is prohibited.~~

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~~(C) Personal protective equipment.~~

- ~~1. Employers shall evaluate the need for personal protective equipment to prevent exposure to COVID-19 hazards, such as gloves, goggles, and face shields, and provide such personal protective equipment as needed.~~
- ~~2. Upon request, employers shall provide respirators for voluntary use in compliance with subsection 5144(c)(2) to all employees who are working indoors or in vehicles with more than one person. Whenever an employer makes respirators for voluntary use available, under this section or sections 3205.1 through 3205.4, the employer shall encourage their use and shall ensure that employees are provided with a respirator of the correct size.~~
- ~~3. Employers shall provide and ensure use of respirators in compliance with section 5144 when deemed necessary by the Division through the Issuance of Order to Take Special Action, in accordance with title 8, section 332.3.~~
- ~~4. Employers shall provide and ensure use of eye protection and respiratory protection in compliance with section 5144 when employees are exposed to procedures that may aerosolize potentially infectious material such as saliva or respiratory tract fluids.~~

~~NOTE: Examples of work covered by subsection (c)(7)(C)4. include, but are not limited to, certain dental procedures and outpatient medical specialties not covered by section 5199.~~

~~(D) Testing of symptomatic employees. Employers shall make COVID-19 testing available at no cost to employees with COVID-19 symptoms, during employees' paid time.~~

~~(8) Reporting, recordkeeping, and access.~~

- ~~(A) The employer shall report information about COVID-19 cases and outbreaks at the workplace to the local health department whenever required by law, and shall provide any related information requested by the local health department. The employer shall report all information to the local health department as required by Labor Code section 6409.6.~~
- ~~(B) The employer shall maintain records of the steps taken to implement the written COVID-19 Prevention Program in accordance with section 3203(b).~~
- ~~(C) The written COVID-19 Prevention Program shall be made available at the workplace to employees, authorized employee representatives, and to representatives of the Division immediately upon request.~~

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- ~~(D) The employer shall keep a record of and track all COVID-19 cases with the employee's name, contact information, occupation, location where the employee worked, the date of the last day at the workplace, and the date of a positive COVID-19 test.~~
- ~~(9) Exclusion of COVID-19 cases and employees who had a close contact. The purpose of this subsection is to limit transmission of COVID-19 in the workplace.~~
- ~~(A) Employers shall ensure that COVID-19 cases are excluded from the workplace until the return to work requirements of subsection (c)(10) are met.~~
- ~~(B) Employers shall review current CDPH guidance for persons who had close contacts, including any guidance regarding quarantine or other measures to reduce transmission. Employers shall develop, implement, and maintain effective policies to prevent transmission of COVID-19 by persons who had close contacts.~~
- ~~(C) For employees excluded from work under subsection (c)(9), employers shall continue and maintain an employee's earnings, wages, seniority, and all other employee rights and benefits, including the employee's right to their former job status, as if the employee had not been removed from their job. Employers may use employer-provided employee sick leave for this purpose to the extent permitted by law. Wages due under this subsection are subject to existing wage payment obligations and must be paid at the employee's regular rate of pay no later than the regular pay day for the pay period(s) in which the employee is excluded. Unpaid wages owed under this subsection are subject to enforcement through procedures available in existing law. If an employer determines that one of the exceptions below applies, it shall inform the employee of the denial and the applicable exception.~~
- ~~EXCEPTION 1: Subsection (c)(9)(C) does not apply where the employee received disability payments or was covered by workers' compensation and received temporary disability.~~
- ~~EXCEPTION 2: Subsection (c)(9)(C) does not apply where the employer demonstrates that the close contact is not work related.~~
- ~~(D) Subsection (c)(9) does not limit any other applicable law, employer policy, or collective bargaining agreement that provides for greater protections.~~
- ~~(E) At the time of exclusion, the employer shall provide the employee the information on benefits described in subsections (c)(5)(B) and (c)(9)(C).~~
- ~~(10) Return to work criteria. The following return to work criteria shall apply to COVID-19 cases and employees excluded under sections 3205.1 and 3205.2. The employer must demonstrate it has met the applicable requirements below:~~

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~~(A) COVID-19 cases, regardless of vaccination status or previous infection, who do not develop COVID-19 symptoms or whose COVID-19 symptoms are resolving, shall not return to work until:~~

- ~~1. At least five days have passed from the date that COVID-19 symptoms began or, if the person does not develop COVID-19 symptoms, from the date of first positive COVID-19 test;~~
- ~~2. At least 24 hours have passed since a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher has resolved without the use of fever reducing medications; and~~
- ~~3. A negative COVID-19 test from a specimen collected on the fifth day or later is obtained; or, if unable to test or the employer chooses not to require a test, 10 days have passed from the date that COVID-19 symptoms began or, if the person does not develop COVID-19 symptoms, from the date of first positive COVID-19 test.~~

~~(B) COVID-19 cases, regardless of vaccination status or previous infection, whose COVID-19 symptoms are not resolving, may not return to work until:~~

- ~~1. At least 24 hours have passed since a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher has resolved without the use of fever reducing medication; and~~
- ~~2. Symptoms are resolving or 10 days have passed from when the symptoms began.~~

~~(C) Regardless of vaccination status, previous infection, or lack of COVID-19 symptoms, a COVID-19 case shall wear a face covering in the workplace until 10 days have passed since the date that COVID-19 symptoms began or, if the person did not have COVID-19 symptoms, from the date of their first positive COVID-19 test.~~

~~(D) The requirements in subsections (c)(10)(A) and (c)(10)(B) apply regardless of whether an employee has previously been excluded or other precautions were taken in response to an employee's close contact or membership in an exposed group.~~

~~(E) If an order to isolate, quarantine, or exclude an employee is issued by a local or state health official, the employee shall not return to work until the period of isolation or quarantine is completed or the order is lifted. If no period was specified, then the period shall be in accordance with the return to work periods in subsection (c)(10).~~

~~(F) If no violations of local or state health officer orders for isolation, quarantine, or exclusion would result, the Division may, upon request, allow employees to return to work on the basis that the removal of an employee would create undue risk to a community's health and safety. In such cases, the employer shall develop, implement, and maintain effective control measures to prevent transmission in the workplace~~

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~~including providing isolation for the employee at the workplace and, if isolation is not feasible, the use of respirators in the workplace.~~

Note: Authority cited: Section 142.3, Labor Code. Reference: Sections 142.3, 144.6 and 6409.6, Labor Code.

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§ 3205.1. ~~Multiple COVID-19 Infections and~~ COVID-19 Outbreaks.

(a) Scope. This section applies until February 3, 2025.

- (1) This section applies to a workplace covered by section 3205 if three or more employee COVID-19 cases within an exposed group, as defined by subsection 3205(b)(7), visited the ~~workplace~~ worksite during their infectious period at any time during a 14-day period, unless a California Department of Public Health (CDPH) regulation or order defines outbreak using a different number of COVID-19 cases and/or a different time period, in which case this section applies when the number of cases at the worksite constitutes an outbreak under CDPH's definition.
- (2) This section shall apply until there are ~~no one or fewer~~ new COVID-19 cases detected in the exposed group for a 14-day period.

(b) COVID-19 testing.

- (1) Immediately upon being covered by this section, ~~the~~ employer shall make COVID-19 testing available at no cost to its employees within the exposed group, regardless of vaccination status, during employees' paid time, except for returned cases and employees who were not present at the workplace during the relevant 14-day period(s) under subsection 3205.1(a).
 - (A) ~~Employees who were not present at the workplace during the relevant 14-day period(s) under subsection (a).~~
 - (B) ~~For returned cases who did not develop COVID-19 symptoms after returning to work pursuant to subsection 3205(c)(10), no testing is required.~~
- (2) Employer shall then make testing available on a weekly basis to all employees in the exposed group who remain at the workplace.
- (3) Employees who had close contacts shall have a negative COVID-19 test taken within three to five days after the close contact or shall be excluded and follow the return to work requirements of subsection 3205(c)(5) starting from the date of the last known close contact.

~~COVID-19 testing shall consist of the following:~~

- (A) ~~Immediately upon being covered by this section, the employer shall make testing available to all employees in the exposed group, regardless of vaccination status, and then again one week later. Negative COVID-19 test results of employees with COVID-~~

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~~19 exposure shall not impact the duration of any quarantine, isolation, or exclusion period required by, or orders issued by, the local health department.~~

~~(B) After the first two COVID-19 tests required by subsection (b)(2)(A), employers shall make COVID-19 testing available once a week at no cost, during paid time, to all employees in the exposed group who remain at the workplace, or more frequently if recommended by the local health department, until this section no longer applies pursuant to subsection (a)(2).~~

~~(C) Employees who had close contacts shall have a negative COVID-19 test taken within three and five days after the close contact or shall be excluded and follow the return to work requirements of subsection 3205(c)(10) starting from the date of the last known close contact.~~

(c) Face coverings. Employees in the exposed group, regardless of vaccination status, shall wear face coverings when indoors, or when outdoors and less than six feet from another person, unless one of the exceptions in subsection 3205(f)(2) applies. ~~Employers shall make additional testing available at no cost to employees, during employees' paid time, when deemed necessary by the Division through the Issuance of Order to Take Special Action, in accordance with title 8, section 332.3.~~

(d) Respirators. Employers shall notify employees of their right to request and receive a respirator for voluntary use under subsection 3205(g). The employer shall continue to comply with all applicable provisions of section 3205, and shall also do the following:

~~(1) Employees in the exposed group shall wear face coverings when indoors, or when outdoors and less than six feet from another person, unless one of the exceptions in subsection 3205(c)(6)(C) applies.~~

~~(2) Employers shall give notice to employees in the exposed group of their right to request a respirator for voluntary use under subsection 3205(c)(7)(C)2.~~

~~(3) Employers shall evaluate whether to implement physical distancing of at least six feet between persons or, where six feet of physical distancing is not feasible, as much distance between persons as feasible.~~

(e) COVID-19 investigation, review, and hazard correction. The employer shall immediately perform a review of potentially relevant COVID-19 policies, procedures, and controls and implement changes as needed to prevent further spread of COVID-19 when this section initially applies and periodically thereafter. ~~The investigation, and review, and changes shall be documented and shall include:~~

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- (1) Investigation of new or unabated COVID-19 hazards including the employer's leave policies and practices and whether employees are discouraged from remaining home when sick; the employer's COVID-19 testing policies; insufficient supply of outdoor air to indoor workplaces; insufficient air filtration; and insufficient ~~lack of~~ physical distancing.
- (2) The review shall be updated every 30 days that this section continues to apply, in response to new information or to new or previously unrecognized COVID-19 hazards, or when otherwise necessary.
- (3) Any changes implemented to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 based on the investigation and review, which may include: moving indoor tasks outdoors or having them performed remotely; increasing the outdoor air supply when work is done indoors; improving air filtration; increasing physical distancing to the extent feasible; requiring respiratory protection in compliance with section 5144; and other applicable controls.

~~The employer shall implement changes to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 based on the investigation and review required by subsections (c)(1) and (c)(2). The employer shall consider moving indoor tasks outdoors or having them performed remotely, increasing outdoor air supply when work is done indoors, improving air filtration, increasing physical distancing as much as feasible, requiring respiratory protection in compliance with section 5144, and other applicable controls.~~

- (f) Ventilation. In buildings or structures with mechanical ventilation, employers shall filter recirculated air with Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV)-13 or higher efficiency filters if compatible with the ventilation system. If MERV-13 or higher filters are not compatible with the ventilation system, employers shall use filters with the highest compatible filtering efficiency. The employer shall use High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) air filtration units in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations in indoor areas occupied by employees for extended periods, where ventilation is inadequate to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

~~Employers shall also evaluate whether portable or mounted High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtration units or other air cleaning systems would reduce the risk of transmission and, if so, shall implement their use to the degree feasible.~~

- (g) Major outbreaks. If 20 or more employee COVID-19 cases in an exposed group, as defined by subsection 3205(b)(7), visited the worksite during their infectious period within a 30-day period, the employer shall do the following while section 3205.1 applies:

- (1) The COVID-19 testing described in subsection 3205.1(b) shall be required of all employees in the exposed group, regardless of vaccination status, twice a week or more frequently if recommended by the local health department with jurisdiction over the

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workplace. Employees in the exposed group shall be tested or shall be excluded and follow the return to work requirements of subsection 3205(c)(5).

- (2) The employer shall report the outbreak to the Division. This subsection does not limit the employer's obligation to report employee deaths, serious injuries, or serious illnesses when required by subsection 342(a).
- (3) The employer shall provide respirators for voluntary use in compliance with subsection 5144(c)(2) to employees in the exposed group, shall encourage their use, and shall train employees provided respirators for voluntary use, as set forth in subsection 3205(g).
- (4) Any employees in the exposed group who are not wearing respirators required by the employer and used in compliance with section 5144 shall be separated from other persons by at least six feet, except where an employer can demonstrate that at least six feet of separation is not feasible, and except for momentary exposure while persons are in movement. Methods of physical distancing include: telework or other remote work arrangements; reducing the number of persons in an area at one time, including visitors; visual cues such as signs and floor markings to indicate where employees and others should be located or their direction and path of travel; staggered arrival, departure, work, and break times; and adjusted work processes or procedures, such as reducing production speed, to allow greater distance between employees. When it is not feasible to maintain a distance of at least six feet, individuals shall be as far apart as feasible.

Note: Authority cited: Section 142.3, Labor Code. Reference: Sections 142.3 and 144.6, Labor Code.

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~~§ 3205.2. Major COVID-19 Outbreaks.~~~~(a) Scope.~~

~~(1) This section applies to any workplace covered by section 3205 if 20 or more employee COVID-19 cases in an exposed group, as defined by section 3205(b), visited the workplace during their infectious period within a 30-day period.~~

~~(2) This section shall apply until there are fewer than three COVID-19 cases detected in the exposed group for a 14-day period.~~

~~(b) Employers shall continue to comply with section 3205.1, except that the COVID-19 testing described in section 3205.1(b) shall be required of all employees in the exposed group, regardless of vaccination status, twice a week or more frequently if recommended by the local health department. Employees in the exposed group shall be tested or shall be excluded and follow the return to work requirements of subsection 3205(c)(10) starting from the date that the outbreak begins.~~

~~(c) In addition to the requirements of sections 3205 and 3205.1, the employer shall take the following actions:~~

~~(1) The employer shall provide a respirator for voluntary use in compliance with subsection 5144(c)(2) to employees in the exposed group and shall determine the need for a respiratory protection program or changes to an existing respiratory protection program under section 5144 to address COVID-19 hazards.~~

~~(2) Any employees in the exposed group who are not wearing respirators required by the employer and used in compliance with section 5144 shall be separated from other persons by at least six feet, except where an employer can demonstrate that six feet of separation is not feasible, and except for momentary exposure while persons are in movement. Methods of physical distancing include: telework or other remote work arrangements; reducing the number of persons in an area at one time, including visitors; visual cues such as signs and floor markings to indicate where employees and others should be located or their direction and path of travel; staggered arrival, departure, work, and break times; and adjusted work processes or procedures, such as reducing production speed, to allow greater distance between employees. When it is not feasible to maintain a distance of at least six feet, individuals shall be as far apart as feasible.~~

~~(3) The employer shall evaluate whether to halt some or all operations at the workplace until COVID-19 hazards have been corrected.~~

~~(4) Any other control measures deemed necessary by the Division through the Issuance of Order to Take Special Action, in accordance with title 8 section 332.3.~~

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§ 3205.23. COVID-19 Prevention in Employer-Provided Housing.

(a) Scope. Until February 3, 2025, ~~this~~ section applies to employer-provided housing.

Employer-provided housing is any place or area of land, any portion of any housing accommodation, or property upon which a housing accommodation is located, consisting of: living quarters, dwelling, boardinghouse, tent, bunkhouse, maintenance-of-way car, mobile home, manufactured home, recreational vehicle, travel trailer, or other housing accommodations. Employer-provided housing includes a “labor camp” as that term is used in title 8 of the California Code of Regulations or other regulations or codes. The employer-provided housing may be maintained in one or more buildings or one or more sites, including hotels and motels, and the premises upon which they are situated, or the area set aside and provided for parking of mobile homes or camping. Employer-provided housing is housing that is arranged for or provided by an employer, other person, or entity to workers, and in some cases to workers and persons in their households, in connection with the workers' employment, whether or not rent or fees are paid or collected.

The following exceptions apply:

- (1) This section does not apply to housing provided for the purpose of emergency response, including firefighting, rescue, and evacuation, and support activities directly aiding response such as utilities, communications, and medical operations, if:
 - (A) The employer is a government entity; or
 - (B) The housing is provided temporarily by a private employer and is necessary to conduct the emergency response operations.
- (2) This section does not apply to housing in which all residents who maintained a household together prior to residing in employer-provided housing, such as family members, when no other persons outside the household are present. ~~Subsections (c), (d), (e), and (g) do not apply to housing in which all residents who maintained a household together prior to residing in employer-provided housing, such as family members, when no other persons outside the household are present.~~
- (3) This section does not apply to employees with occupational exposure as defined by section 5199, when covered by that section.
- (4) This section does not apply to employer-provided housing used exclusively to house COVID-19 cases or where a housing unit houses one employee.

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(b) Assignment of housing units. To the extent feasible, employers shall assign employee housing to cohorts that travel and work together, separate from other workers. To the extent feasible, residents who usually maintain a household together shall be housed in a single housing unit without other persons.

~~To the extent feasible, employers shall reduce exposure to COVID-19 hazards by assigning employee residents to distinct groups and ensuring that each group remains separate from other such groups during transportation and work. Employers shall ensure that shared housing unit assignments are prioritized in the following order:~~

~~(1) Residents who usually maintain a household together outside of work, such as family members, shall be housed in the same housing unit without other persons.~~

~~(2) Residents who work in the same crew or work together at the same workplace shall be housed in the same housing unit without other persons.~~

~~(3) Employees who do not usually maintain a common household, work crew, or workplace shall be housed in the same housing unit only when no other housing alternatives are feasible.~~

(c) Ventilation. In housing units, employers shall maximize the quantity and supply of outdoor air and increase filtration efficiency to the highest level compatible with the existing ventilation system. If there is not a Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV)-13 or higher filter in use, portable or mounted High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtration units shall be used, to the extent feasible, in all sleeping areas.

(d) Face coverings. Employers shall provide face coverings to all residents and provide information ~~and training~~ to residents on when they face coverings should be used in accordance with state or local health department orders or guidance ~~orders or guidance from CDPH and from the local health department.~~

(e) Reporting symptoms ~~Screening~~. The employer shall encourage residents to report COVID-19 symptoms to the employer.

(f) COVID-19 testing. The employer shall establish, implement, and maintain effective policies and procedures for COVID-19 testing of residents who had a close contact or COVID-19 symptoms. ~~Employers shall test all residents of employer-provided housing in which there~~

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~~were three or more COVID-19 cases in 14 days.~~ These policies and procedures shall be communicated to the residents.

(g) COVID-19 cases and close contacts.

(1) Employers shall effectively isolate COVID-19 cases from all residents who are not COVID-19 cases, for the period established by subsection 3205(c)(5)(A). Effective isolation shall include housing COVID-19 cases only with other COVID-19 cases, and providing COVID-19 case residents with a sleeping area and bathroom that is not shared by non-COVID-19 case residents.

~~Employers shall effectively quarantine residents who have had a close contact from all other residents. Effective quarantine shall include providing residents who had a close contact with a private bathroom and sleeping area.~~

(2) Employers shall effectively quarantine residents who have had a close contact from all other residents, in accordance with subsection 3205(c)(5)(B). Effective quarantine shall include providing residents who had a close contact with a private bathroom and sleeping area.

~~Employers shall effectively isolate COVID-19 cases from all residents who are not COVID-19 cases. Effective isolation shall include housing COVID-19 cases only with other COVID-19 cases, and providing COVID-19 case residents with a sleeping area and bathroom that is not shared by non-COVID-19 case residents.~~

~~(3) Personal identifying information regarding COVID-19 cases and persons with COVID-19 symptoms shall be kept confidential in accordance with subsection 3205(c)(3)(C).~~

~~(4) Employers shall end isolation in accordance with subsections 3205(c)(9) and (c)(10) and any applicable local or state health officer orders.~~

Note: Authority cited: Section 142.3, Labor Code. Reference: Sections 142.3 and 144.6, Labor Code.

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§ 3205.34. COVID-19 Prevention in Employer-Provided Transportation.

(a) Scope. Until February 3, 2025, ~~this section applies to employer-provided motor vehicle transportation to and from work, which is any transportation of an employee during the course and scope of employment, which is including transportation to and from different workplaces, jobsites, delivery sites, buildings, stores, facilities, and agricultural fields, provided, arranged for, or secured by an employer regardless of the travel distance or duration involved, with the.~~ The following exceptions apply:

(1) Employees alone in a vehicle, employees taking public transportation, or vehicles in which the driver and all passengers are from the same household outside of work, not subject to section 3205.2. ~~This section does not apply if the driver and all passengers are from the same household outside of work, such as family members, or if the driver is alone in the vehicle.~~

(2) ~~This section does not apply to e~~Employer-provided transportation ~~when~~ necessary for emergency response, including firefighting, rescue, and evacuation, and support activities directly aiding response such as utilities, communications, and medical operations.

(3) ~~This section does not apply to e~~Employees with occupational exposure as defined by section 5199, when covered by that section.

~~(4) This section does not apply to public transportation.~~

(b) Employers shall comply with the requirements of section 3205 within a vehicle and shall respond to a COVID-19 case within the vehicle in accordance with the requirements of that section.

(c) Assignment of transportation. To the extent feasible, employers shall reduce exposure to COVID-19 hazards by assigning transportation such that cohorts travel and work together, separate from other workers. To the extent feasible, employees who usually maintain a household together shall travel together. ~~sharing vehicles to distinct groups and ensuring that each group remains separate from other such groups during transportation, during work activities, and in employer-provided housing. Employers shall prioritize shared transportation assignments in the following order:~~

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~~(1) Employees residing in the same housing unit shall be transported in the same vehicle.~~

~~(2) Employees working in the same crew or workplace shall be transported in the same vehicle.~~

~~(3) Employees who do not share the same household, work crew or workplace shall be transported in the same vehicle only when no other transportation alternatives are feasible.~~

~~(c) Face coverings and respirators. Employers shall ensure that:~~

~~(1) Face covering requirements of subsection 3205(c)(6), if applicable, are followed for employees waiting for transportation.~~

~~(2) Employers shall review CDPH and local health department recommendations regarding face coverings and implement face covering policies that effectively eliminate or minimize transmission in vehicles.~~

~~(3) Employers shall provide training to employees on CDPH and local health department recommendations regarding face coverings and the employer's own policies.~~

~~(4) Upon request, employers shall provide respirators for voluntary use in compliance with subsection 5144(c)(2) to all employees in the vehicle.~~

~~(d) Screening. Employers shall develop, implement, and maintain effective procedures for screening and excluding drivers and riders with COVID-19 symptoms prior to boarding shared transportation.~~

~~(e) Ventilation. Employers shall ensure that vehicle windows are kept open, and the ventilation system set to maximize outdoor air and not set to recirculate air. Windows do not have to be kept open if one or more of the following conditions exist:~~

~~(1) The vehicle has functioning air conditioning in use and excessive outdoor heat would create a hazard to employees.~~

~~(2) The vehicle has functioning heating in use and excessive outdoor cold would create a hazard to employees.~~

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~~(3) Protection is needed from weather conditions, such as rain or snow.~~

~~(4) The vehicle has a cabin air filter in use and the U.S. EPA Air Quality Index for any pollutant is greater than 100.~~

~~(f) Hand hygiene. Employers shall provide hand sanitizer in each vehicle and ensure that all drivers and riders sanitize their hands before entering and exiting the vehicle. Hand sanitizers with methyl alcohol are prohibited.~~

~~(g) This section shall take precedence when in conflict with section 3205.~~

Note: Authority cited: Section 142.3, Labor Code. Reference: Sections 142.3 and 144.6, Labor Code.