



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Keshia Thomas, President
Valerie F. Davis, Clerk
Claudia Cazares
Genoveva Islas
Elizabeth Jonasson Rosas
Carol Mills, J.D.
Major Terry Slatik USMC (Retired)

SUPERINTENDENT

Robert G. Nelson, Ed.D.

Preparing Career Ready Graduates

Date: October 14, 2020
To: FUSD Leadership & Health Services
From: Jane Banks, RN, Director Health Services
Regarding: Isolation Care Room – COVID-19

A separate sick room at each school site is necessary to safely care for students during the COVID-19 pandemic. Health Services staff are unable to test students for COVID-19, so they must assume that students presenting with COVID-19 symptoms are infectious and must take additional safety measures, to prevent further exposure to others. Students that present with symptoms will need to be immediately taken to the sick room and continuously monitored, until parent pick up or transfer by EMS, depending on severity of symptoms. The student should be picked up immediately by parent/guardian.

Necessity for and use of sick room

Students with symptoms of COVID-19, who may be contagious, must be separated from other students requesting services in the Health Office for such services such as, medications, injuries, and/or procedures. Without separation, other students and staff may be exposed. This room will be for the sole use of Health Services staff during the COVID-19 pandemic and may not be used for any other purposes.

Sick Room Identification

Health Services, including Credentialed School Nurses, at each school site, will collaborate with Facilities leaders and Site Administration to determine the best space available, to manage both potentially infectious and non-infectious students. Additional sick rooms will need to be considered, for multiple students presenting with COVID-19 symptoms at the same time.

Supplies and Location for Sick Room

Each room will need minimal supplies to safely care for students while they await parent/guardian pick-up.

Disinfection

This room will be part of the regular disinfecting of spaces schedule. If a symptomatic student uses the room, it should be disinfected by custodian following the use for specific conditions. Health Services Team will need to work closely with Custodial Services related to appropriate practices, training and use of approved products.

Health Services Oversight

School Nurse will oversee the isolation care room and Health Staff will monitor student. We may need support from office staff, as Health Staff may need to prioritize various students' health needs. Personal Protective Equipment will be necessary for staff and student.

Maintain capacity for isolation of symptomatic students in a room with a separate entrance when students are on campus, with staff with appropriate PPE immediately available.

| Categories | Required | Preferred & Measures to Consider |
|----------------------|--|---|
| Location | Identify location where student can be visually monitored. | Close proximity to the main office Minimal student and staff traffic Close proximity to a designated restroom |
| Communication | Either phone or portable radio | Both phone and portable radio |
| Hand Hygiene | Hand sanitizer | Sink in room or in close proximity |
| Furniture | Chairs and desk/table spaced at least 6 ft apart | Cot Storage for medical supplies |
| Ventilation/Air Flow | Door that can remain open | Window Door with window HEPA Filter |
| PPE for Health Staff | N95 Respirator Mask Face Shield Gown Gloves | |

If you have any further questions, please contact Jane Banks, RN, Director of Health Services, @ 457-3301. Thank You.

Reference: [National School Nurses Association](#)

Guidance & Approval: Fresno County Department of Public Health