K-12 Schools Telebriefing: Q&A Report

November 4, 2025

This report includes questions submitted by telebriefing attendees that were answered during the K-12 Schools Telebriefing via the Q&A function. **Answers are accurate as of November 4,**2025. If you have a specific question or need clarification, please email us at LiveWellEducation@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Topic	Question	Answer
San Diego County Sheriff's Office Programs	Is there a link to register for the San Diego County Sheriff's "Take Me Home" Program?	Yes, the "Take Me Home" registration can be found at: Register "Take Me Home" San Diego County Sheriff.
Managing Hand, Foot, Mouth Disease (HFMD)	Is there any communication with school leaders about cleaning and sanitizing to avoid the spread of germs?	Sanitation standards vary by district and typically increase during outbreaks, but maintaining cleanliness is difficult, especially when children don't wash their hands properly. Due to limited guidance specific to HFMD, many schools rely on existing COVID-19 protocols and district health guidelines. Here is a flyer with guidance on HFMD: Hand Foot and Mouth Disease Infographic
Managing Hand, Foot, Mouth Disease (HFMD)	What are some recommendations for dealing with parents who refuse to keep children home from school despite showing clear symptoms of HFMD?	When parents are hesitant to keep their child home, it helps to meet with them alongside the school nurse and administrator. Listen to their concerns and acknowledge how challenging it can be. Gently remind them that their child will be more comfortable recovering at home and that returning only after being fever-free helps keep everyone at school healthy.
Managing Hand, Foot, Mouth Disease (HFMD)	What if children do not have a confirmed diagnosis and parents refuse to take them out of school?	Most of the time, HFMD does not require diagnosis. Children should be kept apart from peers, preferably outside in a place with good isolation.

Public Health Updates	Of the 48 COVID-19 deaths this season, how many were schoolaged children?	None of the COVID-19 deaths this season were school-aged children. A breakdown of Respiratory Virus Surveillance for the County of San Diego - which includes COVID-19 - can be found here: San Diego County Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report
Public Health Updates	Last year there was a flyer for services that would come to homes to vaccinate. Is this still available?	There are resources for vaccination services, along with the Homebound Vaccine Program Flyer: Resources: Getting Your Vaccines Community Vaccination Services: Community Vax Event Flyer.pdf Homebound Vaccine Program: COVID-19 Homebound Vaccine Program