



Updated Sick Child Policy

If a child has any of the following symptoms, they must be excluded from the child care setting and can return after 24 hours of being symptom-free and with a doctor's note. If a child has more than one symptom or a fever alone they must remain fever-free and symptom-free for 48 hours and can return with a negative COVID-19 test.

- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Runny Nose (not related to allergies)
- Sneezing (not related to allergies)
- Muscle Aches
- Difficulty Breathing
- New Loss of Taste or Smell
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Headache
- Fever at or above the threshold temperature of **100.4° F** (including temperatures that would meet this criteria, if not for the use of fever-reducers). *The threshold temperature is 100.4° F, unless a LOWER threshold temperature is imposed in the local jurisdiction or by the specific center.*

If a child has one symptom alone such as: pink eye, sneezing, or rash, student may return 24 hours after symptoms resolve with a doctor's note and after taking antibiotics, if prescribed. If antibiotics are not prescribed, the child may return 24 hours after symptoms resolve with a doctor's note. If a child has two or more of the symptoms listed above, the child may return 48 hours after symptoms resolve with a negative COVID test.

Updated Guidance on Child Exclusion for a Runny Nose (exclusion period reduced from 72 hours to 24 hours): If a child has the symptom of a **runny nose ALONE** (without a fever, another COVID-19 related symptom, or chest congestion), the child should be excluded for 24 hours and can return with a doctor's note stating the cause of the runny nose. If the cause is viral or bacterial; i.e., a cold or ear infection, the note will be good for two weeks (unless new symptoms develop.) If the cause is allergies, the note will be good for 30 days (unless new symptoms develop.) ***This policy has been re-instituted because runny nose is a common symptom of the Omicron variant. Once the omicron wave is at moderate levels of transmission the previous policy will be reinstated.***

Sibling Exclusion

We will no longer exclude a sibling while waiting for a diagnosis for a child who is experiencing non-COVID symptoms. However, siblings will be excluded if the child with initial symptoms is placed in quarantine or has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

Isolation (for people who have tested positive for COVID-19)

Day 0 is the day of your positive viral test (based on the date you were tested) and day 1 is the first full day after the specimen was collected for your positive test.

- All asymptomatic (no symptoms) staff can return after 5 days if completely asymptomatic (no matter their vaccination status) They will wear a mask for the remaining 5 days including outside.
- Staff who still have symptoms but are improving and do not have a fever can return after 5 days of isolation **with a negative test** (no matter their vaccination status). They will wear a mask for the remaining 5 days including outside.
- If at day 6 they still have symptoms that are NOT improving they should stay home until symptoms begin improving with no fever. They can return with a **negative test** if they begin improving before 10 days. After 10 days they do not need to test.
- Children will still isolate for 10 days due to the fact they cannot strictly adhere to wearing masks for the additional 5 days. They do not need to test after 10 days. However, they must be symptom free to return.
- These practices are subject to change.

Quarantine Guidance (for people who have been exposed to COVID-19)

- Staff who are **unvaccinated** and **more than six months** out from their second mRNA dose or more than 2months after the J&J vaccine must quarantine for at least 7 days testing on day 5. They will wear a KN95 mask for the remaining days including outside.
- **Staff who are vaccinated and boosted** do not need to quarantine but we will test them each morning prior to entering the classroom. They will wear a KN95 mask for the remaining 5 days including outside.
- **Children** will quarantine for 10 days and test on day 7 due to the fact they cannot strictly adhere to wearing masks for the additional 5 days. Quarantine dates for children may change if someone in the household is in isolation. Please check with administration for guidance.
- **People who had a confirmed COVID-19 case** in the last 90 days do not need to quarantine or get tested **unless they begin to develop symptoms**. They will wear a KN95 mask for the full 10 days including outside.

Environmental Practices

- Humidifiers and air purifiers will continue to be used in the classrooms daily. Humidifier are filled daily and cleaned weekly. Air Purifier filters are cleaned as needed and changed when the indicator light comes on.
- Classrooms are cleaned nightly using the electrostatic sprayer.
- Surfaces and objects that are frequently touched, especially toys and games are routinely cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected. This will also include cleaning objects/surfaces not ordinarily cleaned daily such as doorknobs, light switches, classroom sink handles, countertops, nap pads, toilet training potties, desks, chairs, and cubbies.

Health Practices

- All teachers and staff will wear KN95 masks daily except when they are outside. If while outside they are in close proximity with a child, for example: tying a shoe, administering first aid, or picking a child up then they must put on their masks.
- Teachers and staff who are in the last 5 days of quarantine or isolation and meet the criteria to return to school will wear masks at all times including outside.
- All children ages 2+ will wear masks daily except when eating, napping or outside.
- Teachers and staff will not eat in the classroom.
- Family style dining will not be implemented. Meals will be plated by one staff member.
- Children must be appropriately distanced during breakfast, lunch, and snack times.
- Children must be appropriately distanced during classroom activities.
- One group of children will utilize the playground and Piazzas at a time.
- Groups of children will remain separate from other groups (***We will do our best to keep groups separated; however, if Omicron greatly impacts our ability to staff the school, we may need to mix groups at certain times. We will notify families via Brightwheel if we need to combine groups of children.***)
- All children, and staff should engage in hand hygiene at the following times:
 - Arrival to the facility and after breaks (hand sanitizing stations will be placed at the entrance of each facility to be used prior to entering)
 - Before and after preparing food or drinks
 - Before and after eating or handling food or feeding children
 - Before and after administering medication or medical ointment
 - Before and after diapering
 - After using the toilet or helping a child use the bathroom
 - After coming in contact with bodily fluid
 - After handling animals or cleaning up animal waste
 - After playing outdoors or in sand
 - After handling garbage
 - Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If hands are not visibly dirty, alcohol-based hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol can be used if soap and water are not readily available.
 - Supervise children when they use hand sanitizer to prevent ingestion.
 - Assist children with handwashing, including infants who cannot wash hands alone.
 - After assisting children with handwashing, staff should also wash their hands.

- All staff who receive their booster vaccine when eligible will receive the \$100.00 vaccine incentive. Staff who have already received their booster are eligible to receive the \$100.00 vaccine incentive.

Drop-off and Pick-up

- Program hours are 7:15 AM to 5:30 PM. Program hours will be reevaluated once we reach moderate viral spread in the community. The late pick-up policy and fees will be implemented.
- Families will drop-off and pick-up their children at the outside classroom doors. Families must complete the symptom check list prior to signing in their children.
- Families will use the Brightwheel QR code to sign children in and out of school.
- Teachers must complete the symptom checklist prior to signing in.