

## COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

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#### 1. Will the Center close again?

The university recognizes childcare is a critical service and intends to make every effort to keep the CCD open if it is safe to do so and with guidance from local and state health authorities.

#### 2. Are staff and children required to use personal protective equipment (PPE)?

The Center for Child Development (CCD) Monitors Community Levels through the CDC weekly on Fridays and adjusts signage on the front doors accordingly. When Community Levels are High, all adults entering the CCD are required to wear masks while inside the building. Community Levels can be monitored at the CDC website: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fscience%2Fcommunity-levels.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fscience%2Fcommunity-levels.html)

#### 3. What is the center's exclusion due to illness policy?

If a child has a fever (100.4 or higher) and/or a symptom of communicable illness (cough, headache, diarrhea, sore throat, runny/stuffy nose, muscle aches/pains, shortness of breath, loss of smell or taste, poor appetite, fatigue/weakness/exhaustion, vomiting, chills, undiagnosed skin rash) they are not allowed to return to care until they are fever free for 24 hours *without the use of medication* and have resolving symptoms. Testing is recommended for symptoms which may be related to Covid-19.

#### 4. What if a child or staff member tests positive for Covid-19?

Anyone who tests positive for Covid-19 should isolate for a minimum of 5 days (and until fever free for 24 hours with resolving symptoms) and then mask for an additional 5 days. In the case of an individual who can not mask due to age or other factors, exclusion from CCD for 10 full days will be required. Please continue to contact the Director for guidance with individual situations.

#### 5. What if a staff member or child is exposed to Covid-19?

Automatic quarantine is no longer required due to exposure to Covid-19. Masking is recommended for children and adults 2 and older who have been exposed to Covid-19 for 10 days following exposure. This will be a requirement for CCD staff.

Testing following exposure is recommended approximately every 48 hours for 10 days. If an individual tests positive, isolation will be required. Regardless of whether an individual chooses to test, if symptoms of Covid-19 develop after exposure, the individual should follow isolation procedures.

**6. If my child's classroom is closed due to exposure, will I receive a refund of my tuition?**

Due to the updated guidance, classrooms will no longer be closed due to positive Covid-19 in the center. There will not be tuition discounts for children who need to isolate due to illness.

**7. Will I be notified of positive cases at the center?**

In accordance with our communicable illness policy, parents will be notified of exposure to communicable illness within the center. Details about the exposure will not be shared in order to protect confidentiality.

**8. Is there anything else we need to know?**

As we have grown accustomed to in the last 2.5 years, information can change rapidly. The CCD will continue to monitor recommendations and adjust our policies and procedures as necessary. As with any illness, more extreme measures may need to be taken to protect children and families if we see a spike of communicable illness within the center. As always, our priority is protecting the health and well-being of the children, families, and staff within our building.