



CEC COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES:

- All staff and children are required to wear a well fitted mask on campus, preferably medical/surgical grade.
- Children and staff will have their temperatures checked every morning.
- All teachers are required to be boosted on schedule (most teachers have already received their boosted shot).
- Parents will continue to drop off and pick up at the classroom doors

If a closure is needed in the 0-2 program due to an exposure concern:

- The classroom will close for 10 days (return day 11), as the children are unmasked and unvaccinated. Testing is not an option for a shortened isolation period.
- 0-2 program children are not required to test to return on day 11, if they have no symptoms. If symptoms are present, they will need a doctor's note to return to care.
- All teachers will test before returning to the classroom. CEC will accept a home antigen test.

If a closure is needed in the preschool program (Crickets, Mighty Ants or Butterflies):

- The classroom will be closed 5 full days with testing on or after day 5
- Asymptomatic children can return on day 6 with a negative test
- CEC will accept confirmation of a home antigen test for both teachers and children
- Children and staff are required to remain securely masked through the 10 day period.
- Children will be required to eat all meals outdoors (6 feet apart).
- We are unable to have nap periods days 6-10, thus these will be shortened days (8am-3pm).
- We understand that children may have ongoing symptoms that are unrelated to COVID-19. In these cases, we ask for a doctor's note confirming their ability to be in group care. (This is especially important after a closure period)
- If harsh weather does not accommodate the need to be outdoors additional closure time may be needed.
- Please note that all of these timelines are greatly dependent on the teachers' health and COVID status as we will need to maintain ratios.

- There are cases where a staff or child may continue to test positive after they have returned to good health and completed a full 10 day isolation period. In these cases a doctor's note is required to return to group care.

I have attached to this email the current state guidelines we are following. Also note families and staff can order 4 free at home Covid tests from the US gov't: <https://special.usps.com/testkits>. The school also has a supply of tests if anyone is in need.

Our continued need to navigate the pandemic in childcare settings has been an humbling learning experience for me as a program leader. It is our greatest desire to keep children in care safely to support families' ability to serve the greater community with their varied talents and skills as professionals. We thank you for choosing CEC as your child's education and care provider.

Thank You,



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