



Siskin Early Learning  
Centers COVID-19 Protocols  
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**An Individual Tested Positive**

- When the early learning center is notified of an individual diagnosed with COVID-19, the administration will determine what space(s) need to be closed and identify individuals who have come in direct contact.
- Classroom(s) will be closed when there has been a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 within that space. We will clean and sanitize the space specific to the coronavirus prior to re-opening the space.
- The infected person(s) will isolate for a **minimum of 5 days** from the onset of symptoms (or the date of the positive test, if asymptomatic), and have a resolution of fever (without fever-reducing medications) and improvement in COVID-19 symptoms for at least 24 hours or have documentation of clearance from the Health Department and/or pediatrician.

**First Level Contact Exposure**

- If at any time an unvaccinated individual is known to have had sustained exposure to a person who is diagnosed with COVID 19 (within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection), the person will be asked to leave immediately and, **self-quarantine for 5 days. The child and/or staff can return on day 6 as long as they are not exhibiting any symptoms.**
- If the person acquires symptoms and does not test, then they will be assumed as positive and must follow the isolation process (will isolate for a minimum of 5 days from the onset of symptoms, and have a resolution of fever, without fever-reducing medication, and improvement in COVID 19 symptoms for at least 24 hours).
- Following the 5 day quarantine, CDC recommends wearing a tight fitting mask over the mouth and nose while interacting with others.

**Suspected Symptoms**

- If it is determined that the symptoms are consistent with COVID 19, the parent will be asked to immediately pick up their child from the early learning center and provide proof of a negative COVID test to return to the early learning center.
- Per our Sick policy listed in our Parent Handbook, if a child is not able to participate in the routines of the day, parents will be asked to come pick up their child.

### **House-Hold Contact**

- If there is an individual in the house-hold that tests positive for COVID-19, the child is to **self-quarantine for 5 days minimum.**
- Child can return on day 6 as long as they are symptom free.
- If child begins to exhibit symptoms, the parent of the child will need to pick up their child immediately and can return with proof of a negative covid-19 test.
- Following the 5 day quarantine, CDC recommends a tight fitting mask while interacting with others.

### **Communication**

- Families will be notified of their child's classroom closing through Schoolcast
- A follow-up email will be provided to involved families with exposure date and the date the classroom will re-open.

### **Quarantine Exceptions**

- For those individuals that are considered fully vaccinated
  - Individuals including children who have received all doses in the primary series and all booster doses recommended for their age group, when eligible (based on the recommended CDC guidelines)
- For individuals who tested positive with COVID-19 within 90 days and the school nurse is aware of the sickness/timeline
- We will try our best to make accommodations during a classroom closure. We must have staffing in place to accommodate children who were not exposed and/or considered fully vaccinated. If this is possible, an email will be sent to applicable families once we have identified adequate staffing.