

In The Loop

UCR Early Childhood Services

Fall 2022

COVID-19

COVID-19 Current Guidance

Sharing the guidance from CDC in summarized form. Click the links in the text to go directly to CDC policies. Children and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as [influenza](#) (flu) or COVID-19, should stay home and be referred to a healthcare provider for testing and care. Staying home when sick with COVID-19 (which is known as [isolating](#)) is essential to keep COVID-19 infections out of programs and prevent spread to others.

COVID-19 Child Care Guidance for when a child is feeling sick or tests positive has been updated (See [chart](#)). In summary, when a child feels sick or has a fever they must [isolate](#) immediately. If the child receives a negative test result or another diagnosis from a healthcare provider, the child can return when feeling better **AND** the fever has been gone for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication. When a child tests **POSITIVE*** for COVID-19, the **child stays home for 5 days**** and can return on **Day 6***** If the child is feeling better **AND** fever has been gone for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication and **MUST** wear a well-fitted mask through **Day 10*** if over the age of 2 years old ([Masking Guidance](#)). Testing is not required, but highly encouraged.

Additionally, COVID-19 exposures for children in childcare have been updated (See [chart](#)). In summary, children who have been exposed that are **up-to-date****** on the **COVID-19 vaccine**, and **do not show any symptoms** and/or have had a COVID-19 infection in the last **90 days** may attend every day as long as the child feels well AND has no fever (MUST wear a well-fitted mask for 10 days). Children who are **NOT** up-to-date and **do not show any symptoms** may attend every day as long as the child feels well AND has no fever (MUST wear a well-fitted mask for 10 days).

SPECIAL NOTES

*If a child test positive without symptoms, then feels sick later, Day 0 is now the day they started feeling sick

**If a child is never sick, but tests positive, Day 0 is the day child was swabbed.

***If a child feels sick at any time, Day 0 is the first sick day.

****Children who have received all doses of the primary COVID-19 vaccine.



SYMPTOMS?

Test, stay home and away from others ([quarantine](#)) right away!

Keep your child home and NOTIFY the center at (951) 827-7454 if:

- Your child exhibits symptoms (Isolate for 1- 5 days, see [chart](#))
- Child has been exposed anywhere (Test & Mask)
- Someone at home has symptoms or is awaiting test results (Test & Mask)
- Anyone in the household tests positive (That person ISOLATES, test & mask)
- If we notify you of an exposure (Test & mask)

Anyone with symptoms or confirmed COVID-19 should stay home and [isolate](#) from other people for at least 5 full days.

View <https://www.rivcoph.org> for general info and test sites

Program Updates & Reminders

About Monkeypox (MPX)

On August 1, 2022, Governor Newsom issued a [Proclamation of a State of Emergency](#) for California in response to the rising number of [monkeypox](#) (MPX) cases. The Proclamation supports the work underway by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and others in the administration to limit the spread of MPX and mitigate its effects, coordinate a government response to MPX, seek additional vaccines, and lead outreach and education efforts on accessing vaccines and treatment.

According to the CDC, [MPX](#) is a rare disease caused by an infection with the MPX virus. MPX is not related to chickenpox. MPX is a public health concern because the virus is part of the same family of viruses as smallpox and can be spread from infected humans, animals, and materials contaminated with the virus. MPX is less transmissible than smallpox, with symptoms similar to smallpox symptoms, but milder.

MPX spreads primarily through direct contact with infectious sores, scabs, or body fluids, including during intercourse, as well as activities like kissing, hugging, massaging, and cuddling. MPX can spread through touching materials used by a person with MPX that haven't been cleaned, such as bedding. It can also spread by respiratory secretions during prolonged, close, face-to-face contact. Symptoms start 5-21 days after exposure and can last 2-4 weeks.

The CDC state MPX is rarely fatal, but cases can be more severe for those who are older and have existing comorbidities such as eczema, those who suffer various immunodeficiencies like HIV or AIDS, or those going through chemotherapy. However, MPX can lead to other complications such as pneumonia and encephalitis, which can be fatal. Also, children ages 8 and under, children with eczema and other skin conditions, and children with immunocompromising conditions may be at increased risk of severe disease.

We are required to report epidemic outbreaks to our [local Regional Office](#) and to our local health department pursuant to [Title 22, Section 10121\(d\) and \(g\)](#).

Additional Information and Resources:

- [MPX Fact Sheet](#)
- [MPX Homepage](#)
- [MPX and Smallpox Vaccine Guidance](#)
- [Preventing MPX Spread in Congregate Settings](#)
- [Isolation of People with MPX](#)
- [MPX Q&A](#)

R'CARDS

Parents must have a [R' Card](#) to access the security doors. You will not have access to the program if you do not have a R' Card. If someone else will pick up your child on a regular basis they too must obtain a R' Card. Front office staff is not always available to override the system and open the doors. Thank you for cooperating and helping us keep our school safe.

Important Dates:

- *October 20, 2022: Back to School Night @ 4pm North & South Play yards*
- *October 25, 2022: Parent Training: Building Partnerships @4pm via TBD*
- *October 27, 2022: ECS Kicks-off "Parent Café Social" @12-130p Bannockburn J-102*
- *October 31, 2022: Costume Parade @ 10am North & South Play yards*
- *November 11, 2022: Veteran's Day Center Closed*
- *November 17, 2022: Parent Café Social @12-130p Bannockburn J-102*
- *November 22, 2022: Parent Training: DRDP @4pm via TBD*
- *November 24-25, 2022: Thanksgiving Center Closed*
- *December 20, 2022: Parent Café Social @12-130p Bannockburn J-102*
- *December 22, 2022- January 2, 2023: Winter Break Center Closed*

Parent Café Socials

We are excited to introduce Parent Café Socials to our community. The mission of the Parent Café is to provide a safe and non-judgmental opportunity for parents to engage in conversations about their challenges, successes, and strategies. Participation in cafes will help promote parental resilience, social connections, concrete support in times of need, knowledge of parenting and child development, and social and emotional competence in children. The overarching goal of the Parent Cafés are to strengthen families and community engagement.

Parent Café Model:

- Respects the knowledge and learning of the entire group
- Encourages connection through relevant and reflective conversation
- Does not offer advise but seeks solutions from within the group
- Encourages participants to continue involvement on topics of their choice

Parent Café Schedule & Topic:

- October 27, 2022 – Cup of Calm: Calm the Stress @ 12p – 1:30 pm (Bannockburn Village J-102)
- November 17, 2022 – TBD @ 12p – 1:30 pm (Bannockburn Village J-102)
- December 20, 2022 – TBD @ 12p – 1:30 pm (Bannockburn Village J-102)
- January 26, 2023 – TBD @ 12p – 1:30 pm (Bannockburn Village J-102)
- February 23, 2023 – TBD @ 12p – 1:30 pm (Bannockburn Village J-102)
- March 23, 2023 – TBD @ 12p – 1:30 pm (Bannockburn Village J-102)
- April 27, 2023 – TBD @ 12p – 1:30 pm (Bannockburn Village J-102)
- May 25, 2023 – TBD @ 12p – 1:30 pm (Bannockburn Village J-102)
- June 22, 2023 – TBD @ 12p – 1:30 pm (Bannockburn Village J-102)

To register for October's session please do so [here](#) no later than October 25, 2022. Light refreshments will be served so a head count will be needed. Hope to see you there!

Child Care Access Means for Parents in School (CCAMPIS)

ECS has been awarded a new four-year grant from the United States Department of Education Child Care Access Means for Parents in School (CCAMPIS) in the amount of \$3.8 million. Grant funds will help provide low income undergraduate students with childcare assistance and other program supports to increase student success.

Masking

Face coverings remain required indoors for anyone not up to date on the COVID-19 vaccination, including those eligible for boosters. Children between the ages of 2 and 5 years are required to mask. Children eligible for the COVID-19 vaccines and are fully vaccinated must provide proof of vaccination status to the enrollment coordinator. Otherwise, they will be required to mask indoors. If you have forgotten your mask, please stop by the front office, and we will provide you with one.



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Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Call

It's that time of year again where we are reaching out for volunteers to participate as members of the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). The committee's purpose is to ensure effective involvement of all parents and to support the partnership between school administration, teachers, other parents, and councils. Also, to provide information to parents regarding any issues, and in consultation with other parents to bring questions, concerns, and ideas regarding ECS to the attention of teaching staff, administration and other stakeholders. The members of the group will participate in monthly hour-long meetings with the program director and other key stakeholders as needed. If you are interested please email me directly at davinab@ucr.edu no later than October 31st, 2022.

COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies

ECS continues to work hard to ensure we are taking extra precautions to mitigate the spread of Coronavirus. We are taking these extra steps to support the health and safety of your children, your family, and our staff. ECS will continue to implement the following strategies:

- Daily health screenings
- Face coverings are required indoors for individuals that are not up to date on COVID-19 vaccines and boosters
- Maintain proper ventilation with hospital-grade air filters and regular HVAC maintenance
- Maintain stable cohorts/groups
- Clean equipment between use
- Disinfect high-touch surfaces frequently
- Perform enhanced deep cleaning every night in all areas, including quarterly carpet shampooing
- Access to antibacterial hand sanitizer, disposable gloves, and other PPE materials
- Meals are plated and served by staff instead of family-style
- Staff have been educated through training on COVID-19 symptoms as well as preventative measures
- Children who start to experience symptoms including fever are isolated to the extent possible
- Staff will not be allowed to work if they are feeling ill or experiencing symptoms
- ECS staff has priority access to testing at the UCR Bear Cave daily & once a week onsite testing
- Implementation of UCOP Vaccine mandate policies

Thank you for your continued support and patience during these challenging and uncertain times. ECS values your partnership and will continue to work on ways to increase our two-way communication. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out directly. I am open to scheduling 1:1 zoom sessions or taking phone calls to discuss problems or issues as they arise. Davina.Bailey@ucr.edu / (951)-827-7453

Sincerely,
Dr. Davina Bailey, ECS Director

"Tell me and I'll forget; Show me and I may remember; Involve me and I'll understand."

- Chinese Proverb

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