COVID-19 Updates

Newest COVID-19 Guidance as of 03.18.22

Sharing the guidance from CDC in summarized form as of March 18, 2022. 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 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 has 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 everyday as long as child feels well AND has no fever (MUST wear well-fitted mask for 10 days). Children who are NOT up-to-date and do not show any symptoms may attend everyday as long as child feels well AND has no fever (MUST wear well-fitted mask for 10 days).

SPECIAL NOTES
*If child test positive without symptoms, then feels sick later, Day 0 is now the day they started feeling sick
**If child is never sick, but test positive, Day 0 is the day child was swabbed.
***If child feels sick at any time, Day 0 is the first sick day.
****Children who have received all doses of 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

Important Notices

Effective April 18th, 2022, child drop-off and pick-up between the hours of 9:45 am – 2:15 pm will take place indoors. Parents will be greeted at the classroom door. We request that families do not enter the classroom environments to limit exposure. Additionally, the following guidelines must be adhered to:

- No more than two parents/caregivers will be given authorization to enter designated areas.
- Drop-offs and pick-ups are limited to 2-3 minutes with the exception of infants/toddlers as they may require more time.
- Once your child has been dropped off or picked up, families must exit the building, we ask that side conversations with others take place outdoors.
- No gathering in the lobby or corridors.
- Effective June 1, 2022, an R’Card will be required to gain access to the center. **Staff, Faculty & Postdocs visit** [https://ucrcard.ucr.edu/staff-faculty-postdocs](https://ucrcard.ucr.edu/staff-faculty-postdocs). **All others visit** [https://ucrcard.ucr.edu/affiliates-visiting-scholars-and-non-salaried-positions](https://ucrcard.ucr.edu/affiliates-visiting-scholars-and-non-salaried-positions). If you already have an R’ Card, please visit the front office in the North CDC beginning April 18th to get your card activated.

**NOTE: OUTDOOR DROP-OFF: 7:30 am - 9:30 am/ OUTDOOR PICK-UP: 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm**

Masking

Face coverings are 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.

We recognize that there are differing perspectives concerning masking. We ask that we all work together to respect each other and be sensitive to the individual needs of our families and staff during this time.

On-Site Testing

Additionally, testing is available to all UC affiliates, including our ECS families, onsite every Monday, located at ECS North Conference Room between 7:30 am - 9:30 am.

Registration is a One-time process. All patients are required to be registered with Color and have a form of photo ID upon check-in (for all adults; any parent/guardian of a minor will provide their ID to verify the guardian information reflects on the minor’s profile). For employee registration [click here](https://ucrcard.ucr.edu/staff-faculty-postdocs) and for family (and minors) [click here](https://ucrcard.ucr.edu/affiliates-visiting-scholars-and-non-salaried-positions). There is no age requirement.

Upcoming Events:

- Parent Meeting April 7, 2022 @ 3pm Via [Zoom](https://ucrcard.ucr.edu/staff-faculty-postdocs)
- Family Friday, April 8, 2022, from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm on the North & South Center Playgrounds
- Spring Egg Hunt Friday, April 15th
- Kindergarten Academy Information Night April 27, 2022 @ 3pm via [Zoom](https://ucrcard.ucr.edu/staff-faculty-postdocs)
COVID-19 REMINDERS

IMPLEMENTED 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 trainings 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 phones calls to discuss problems or issues as they arise. Davina.Bailey@ucr.edu / (951)-827-7453

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