

COVID-19 Pandemic Protocol FAQs for Foundations Preschool

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Thank you, families, for your patience as we update our policies. We receive guidelines from federal, state and local entities. These guidelines change rapidly. We use these guidelines to create policies that will best serve and protect our staff, children and families.

My child is ill. Should they be tested?

Yes. COVID-19 and its active variants have multiple symptoms. Not everyone will have the same symptoms. If your child is showing *any* signs of illness, please have them tested at a testing site or Dr. Office (no home tests) and bring in a copy of the negative results when they return, symptom free.

Your child will be sent home if we see any signs of illness while in our care. A copy of the negative test will be required to return. The child must be symptom free to return with a negative test.

My child tested positive for COVID-19. When can they return?

A preschool child who has COVID must be isolated at home for 10 days. Guidelines for children, staff and families in child care are stricter than those for older children and school settings because children under 5 cannot be vaccinated.

After the 10-day isolation period, the child may return to school if they are 100% free from any symptoms. Please bring/send a copy of the positive test result for our records.

My child was exposed to COVID-19. What should I do?

If your child was exposed outside of school:

Your child must quarantine for 10 days at home after the last day of exposure to the infected person. If the person lives in the same household and cannot 100% isolate from the child, then the last day of exposure is the last day of the infected person's isolation. The day after the household member's last day of isolation is day 1 of the child's 10-day quarantine.

If your child was exposed at school, then they will quarantine at home for 10 days.

Children may return to school after their quarantine period IF they did not show any signs of illness (without medication) during this quarantine. If the child shows signs of illness, they must be tested at a testing site or Dr. Office (no home tests) and show a negative result before returning. We strongly suggest that all quarantined children, even if they do not show symptoms, to be tested for COVID prior to returning. If there are no symptoms, it's best to wait until after day 6 of the quarantine for accurate results.

Please bring all test results to the school upon return for our records.

Do I have to pay my tuition when my child is out for COVID reason?

If your child is out ill due to an exposure outside of the classroom, with COVID, or with a different illness, then tuition payments must still be made. You may speak with our Executive Director, Sandy Williams, if you need payment assistance.

If your child is out due to a school imposed quarantine, then you do not have to pay during the 10 days. If you have to extend the time out for any reason, then tuition is due for any days past the 10-day period.

***If at any time you have questions regarding these policies, please do not hesitate to contact Sandy Williams,
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