

CENTER POLICY – COVID 19

COVID-19 Symptoms

- Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or above and 37.77 Celsius or above), chills, or shaking chills
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle aches and body aches
- Cough (not due to other know cause, such as chronic cough)
- Sore throat, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nausea, vomiting, when in combination with other symptoms
- Headache, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies), when in combination with other symptoms

Monitoring of Children and Staff

Staff will actively visually monitor children throughout the day for symptoms of any kind. Children or staff who appear ill or are exhibiting signs of illness will be separated from the larger group and isolated in the first-floor staff room.

If an individual appears to have severe symptoms, 911 will be called immediately. Severe symptoms include the following: extreme difficulty breathing (i.e., not being able to speak without gasping for air), bluish lips or face, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, severe persistent dizziness or lightheadedness, new confusion, or inability to rouse someone, or new seizure or seizures that won't stop. The 911 operator, and the arriving EMS support, will be notified that the individual is suspected to have COVID-19.

All enrolled children aged three and above are required to participate in weekly PCR COVID 19 testing. Testing is conducted at the program on Wednesdays; individuals not in attendance on Wednesdays will not receive the PCR test. All staff are required to participate in weekly PCR COVID 19 testing as well.

Isolation and quarantine guidance and protocols

Children that have direct exposure

Quarantine for asymptomatic exposed children, regardless of where the exposure occurred, is not required. Children who are identified as close contacts may continue to attend programming as long as they remain asymptomatic. Those who can mask should do so until Day 10. A test on Days 2 and 5 is recommended, but not required.

Symptomatic children ages 2 years and above

Symptomatic children can remain in the program if they receive an immediate antigen test onsite, and that test is negative. If possible, these children should wear a mask until their symptoms have fully resolved.

Symptomatic children under 2 years old

Children under the age of two that develop COVID symptoms are sent home and can return to the program when at least one of the following conditions are met:

- They receive a negative PCR test from a laboratory
- They have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and their symptoms have fully resolved.
- If a medical professional makes an alternative diagnosis and can provide a note indicating that they child is not contagious.

Children that test positive

- Children who test positive must isolate for 10 days and may return to LMACCC on day 11 provided that they have not had a fever for 24 hours and their improved symptoms. Children should continue to be monitored through day 14.

Reporting Confirmed COVID 19 Cases

An LMACCC Administrator should be immediately notified if an individual tests positive for COVID 19.

CENTER ILLNESS POLICY

During the COVID-19 pandemic period, our Health policies include both COVID and Non-COVID provisions. The final decision on whether to exclude an individual from the program due to illness will be made by the childcare center.

For your child's comfort, and to reduce the risk of contagion, children must be picked up within 1 hour of notification of illness. Until then, your child will be kept comfortable and will continue to be observed for symptoms.

COVID 19 Vaccinations

All LMACCC Staff are required to be fully vaccinated for COVID 19.