



COVID Policies (Updated)

Effective as of 01/17/2023

Brief Summary

Masks – Still recommended for everyone age 2+ (no longer *required*)

Exposure at School – Classrooms remain OPEN following an exposure; masking resumes for 10 days (age 2+) Testing for children under age 2 (who cannot mask)

Household / Ongoing Exposure

- No quarantine required for children age 2+ who wear a mask.
- Minimum 5-days at home for anyone *under age 2* (cannot mask) who is living in the same household as someone who tests positive. May return on day 6, or later, with a negative rapid test taken the same day, as long as they are asymptomatic. OR they may return on day 11, regardless of testing (i.e. 10-day quarantine).

COVID Positive – Minimum 5-days at home for anyone who tests positive; they may return on day 6, or later, with a negative rapid test taken on the same day, if their symptoms have also improved. OR they may return on day 11, regardless of testing (i.e., full 10-day quarantine).

Symptoms? – Stay home and get tested!

TCC COVID POLICIES

Masking

- Masking is no longer *required*. It is still recommended for everyone age 2+.
Please Note: Masking will be required again for 10 days following an exposure.

Exposure at School

- If there is an exposure in one of our classrooms (i.e., if someone tests positive who has spent >10 minutes in the classroom during the last 48 hours):
 - The Caring Center will notify families of children / staff in the affected classroom(s); Classroom(s) will remain OPEN.
 - All children / staff age 2+ will be required to resume masking for 10 days
 - Children may continue to attend the center, as long as they are not experiencing symptoms (testing is strongly recommended).
 - Anyone experiencing symptoms should go home / stay home and get tested.

Household (Ongoing) Exposure at Home

- If someone who lives in the same household (e.g., a sibling or parent) tests positive, this is considered an ongoing exposure:
 - Anyone age 2+ who has an ongoing exposure in their household may continue to attend school **ONLY** if they mask while at school.
 - Children under the age of 2 are required to stay home for at least 5 days (regardless of symptoms or vaccination status) if someone in their household test positive, because they cannot mask at school. They should test on day 5 after the diagnosis, and test immediately if symptoms develop at any point.

- Children age <2 who have an ongoing (household) exposure may return to The Caring Center on day 6, or later, following diagnosis - if they are asymptomatic AND have a negative rapid test result taken the day of their return. OR they may return to The Caring Center on day 11, with no test requirement (i.e., if a full 10-day quarantine is followed, no further testing is required to return).

COVID-Positive

- Anyone (adult or child) who tests positive for COVID-19 must isolate at-home for a minimum of 5 days after their test date (or the date of symptom onset, whichever came first). If their symptoms have improved (e.g., fever-free for more than 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine), they may return to The Caring Center on day 6, or later, if they have a negative rapid test result taken the day of their return. OR they may return to The Caring Center on day 11, with no test requirement (i.e., full 10-day quarantine).

Symptomatic (sick)

- If someone experiences COVID-like symptoms (e.g., fever and cough, or the new loss of sense of smell) while they are at the center:
 - Caring Center staff will move that person away from other children and/or staff, to the extent possible.
 - Parents will be called, and asked to pick-up their child and have them tested for COVID.
 - Child may return to The Caring Center with proof of a negative COVID test result, as long as symptoms have subsided (i.e. child has been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of any fever-reducing medicines).
 - If a parent does not wish to have their child tested for COVID, the child may return to school after a full 10-day quarantine (from the test date or date of symptom onset), with no further testing required.

ALSO:

- Temperature checks are no longer required at the door. However, children must be fever-free for at least 24 hours, without the use of any fever-reducing medicines, in order to attend The Caring Center. Thermometers are available as needed.
- In-person tours have resumed for prospective parents. Visitors and student teachers (i.e., non-essential personnel) may again enter the building, in accordance with TCC policies
- Parents may now enter their child's classroom. Anyone entering the classroom must immediately wash their hands. Please limit your time in the classroom at drop-off / pick-up to a few minutes; feel free to schedule a conference or phone call with your child's teacher if there is anything you want to discuss, questions you may have, etc.
- Please maintain appropriate social distance at all times.
- Drop-In requests will once again be considered for our School Age class (i.e., during school holidays), subject to availability. Please note: this service is available only for Caring Center alumni.
- Generally, our classes remain separated into cohorts. However (resuming our regular practice), some classes may combine for certain activities (e.g., yoga), and/or at certain times of the day (e.g., when we all go out on the play yard together). If there is an exposure, any potentially-impacted groups will be notified.
- Caring Center employees are required to stay up-to-date with the recommended course of vaccines / boosters each year (for flu, COVID, etc.). Per state regulations, exceptions may be considered for medical and/or religious reasons.
- We continue to cooperate closely with PDPH to help mitigate the spread of illness
- Policies are subject to change at any time.