Concord Children’s Center COVID Protocols: FAQs
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KEEPING CHILDREN AND STAFF HEALTHY
Drop-Off and Pick-Up
Are families required to self-screen?
Families are asked to self-screen their child/ren before coming to school, including a temperature check. Children with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher should not come to school. Families will be asked complete a daily attestation stating that the child is symptom free, has not been given fever reducing medication, and has followed CCC COVID policies. The attestation can be completed in the Kaymbu app or paper attestations are available at each site.

How do drop-off and pick-up work?
Drop-off takes place outside our buildings, with children being escorted to their classrooms by CCC staff members. Pick-up takes place inside our buildings. When picking up, adults are asked to wear a mask, and stay in the building for no longer than 15 minutes.

At School
Is my child be required to wear a mask?
Children over the age of two are encouraged to wear masks inside. Teachers and staff are required to, at a minimum, wear masks inside. Children and adults, including family members and teachers, are not required to wear a mask outside, including during outside pick-ups and drop-offs.

Children over the age of two, teachers, and staff who are returning to CCC after having COVID must wear a procedure mask through day 10.

What are your group sizes?
Our preschool groups have returned to their pre-pandemic size of 14-16 students per group. Our infant groups have either three children with one teacher or seven children with two teachers, and our toddler groups have eight or nine toddlers with two teachers.

How is CCC limiting contact among and within groups?
- As much as possible, each group has a consistent team of teachers, assigned to work with only that group.
• Mixing of classrooms indoors will be limited, except for specific, consistent and scheduled mixing of classrooms. Families will be advised if their child’s classrooms will be mixing with another classroom on a regular basis.

What sorts of hygiene/sanitation protocols are being followed?
• Per EEC guidelines, handwashing for children and staff takes place throughout the day,
• Enhanced cleaning and sanitation procedures using EPA registered disinfectants and sanitizers are being followed,
• If we suspect a potential exposure, we will close off all areas visited by the ill person, open outside doors and windows, and clean and disinfect the area as well as all equipment used by the affected person.

How are snacks and lunch handled?
• Families provide both snacks and lunch for their children. CCC provides milk and water.
• CCC will use only plates and utensils sent from home, or disposable plates and utensils provided by CCC.

How is CCC utilizing outdoor space?
Classroom activities will be held outside as much as possible.

RESPONDING TO COVID SYMPTOMS AND EXPOSURES
What happens if a child gets sick at school?
CCC teachers and staff will actively monitor children throughout the day for signs of illness. Any child with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will need to be picked up immediately. The CCC Program Director will subsequently follow up with the family.

What if a child or staff member tests positive for COVID?
• A child or staff member who tests positive for COVID must isolate for five days (with day zero being the earlier of the positive test date or date symptoms started).
• Teachers may return to CCC on or after day six, provided they:
  o Are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving; and
  o Have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
• To return to CCC, children should antigen test on day five and may return to CCC on day six, provided they:
  o receive a negative result to an antigen test on day five;
  o are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving; and
  o have been fever-free for 24 hours.
• If the child receives a positive antigen test result on day five, they should continue to antigen test on days 6-10 until a negative result is received, at which point the individual may return to CCC the next day, provided they:
  o are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving; and
  o have been fever-free for 24 hours.
• Day 11 is the latest return date.
• Teachers and staff returning to CCC after having COVID must wear an N95 mask through day 10. Children over the age of two returning to CCC after having COVID must wear a surgical mask through day 10.

What if a CCC child or staff member is a close contact to an occurrence of COVID either inside or outside of school?
   • CCC teachers, staff and children who are a close contact to a COVID case inside their household may remain at CCC during their quarantine provided they:
      o receive a negative result to an antigen test administered in the morning before coming to school for 10 consecutive days (with day zero being the date of the household member’s positive test);
      o remain asymptomatic; and
      o wear a mask inside at CCC for their 10-day testing period.
   • CCC teachers, staff and children who are a close contact to a COVID case outside their household may remain at CCC during their quarantine provided they:
      o receive a negative result to an antigen test administered in the morning before coming to school for five consecutive days (with day zero being their last date of exposure to the positive person);
      o remain asymptomatic; and
      o wear a mask inside at CCC for their five-day testing period plus an additional five days.
   • CCC teachers, staff and children who are a close contact to a COVID case and develop symptoms must get a PCR test and should stay out of CCC until they get the results.

What are CCC’s general testing requirements?
CCC accepts either PCR or antigen tests for close contacts and requires PCR tests for symptomatic individuals. Teachers and students may not return to CCC while awaiting the results of a PCR test, even if they have received a negative result to an at-home antigen test.

TRAVEL
My family plans to travel outside of Massachusetts. Do students or staff need to quarantine and/or test before returning to CCC?
   • If traveling internationally:
      o all individuals, including children and regardless of vaccination status, who travel internationally must provide proof of a negative COVID test (PCR or rapid molecular ID NOW) taken 3-5 days after returning to Massachusetts before returning to CCC (and the individual may not attend CCC while waiting to test).
      o Unvaccinated individuals must also quarantine for five days upon returning from international travel before returning to CCC.
      o View the CDC guidelines for international travel at: U.S Citizens, U.S. Nationals, U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents, and Immigrants: Travel to and from the United States | CDC.
   • Families and staff traveling within the U.S. are asked to review the CDC guidelines for domestic travel during COVID-19 and to test with an antigen test as recommended by the CDC if your travel involved situations with greater risk of exposure such as being in crowded places or large gatherings without a mask.
   • Staff are strongly urged to exercise caution while traveling and test before returning to CCC if they feel it is warranted.