

COVID-19 Protocols for Preschool Students

Note that acceptable masks include: [KN95](#), [KF94](#), [N95](#)

Have Symptoms of COVID-19

(see *COVID-19 symptom list below*)

Stay Home Until:

- Your symptoms are improving
 - You have a negative COVID-19 rapid test.
- OR**
- You have not had a fever for at least 24 hours (without use of fever reducing medication) **AND**
 - Your symptoms are improving

If positive,

- Follow the "COVID-19 Positive with Symptoms" section
- Isolate** at Home



If negative,

- Stay home until fever free for 24 hours (without use of fever reducing medication) and symptoms have improved
- This applies to everyone, regardless of vaccination status

COVID-19 Positive with Symptoms

Isolate at Home Until:

- At least 5 days* have passed since your symptoms started **AND**
- You have a negative COVID-19 rapid test collected on or after day 5* **AND**
- You have not had a fever for at least 24 hours (without use of fever reducing medication) **AND**
- Have no symptoms or existing symptoms are improving.

If positive After Day 5,

- Stay home 10 calendar days* after your symptoms started **AND**
- You have not had a fever for at least 24 hours (without use of fever reducing medication) **AND**
- Your symptoms are improving
- You must wear a mask indoors/outdoors for 10 days.
- Consult your medical provider

Isolation at Home:

Wear a well-fitting mask over your nose and mouth when you are around others, indoors and outdoors, for a total of 10 days. This includes around household members.

Check out this [calculator](https://doh.sd.gov/covid/calculator/) to figure out when you can return following quarantine: <https://doh.sd.gov/covid/calculator/>

Note: we are requiring a negative rapid test to return before day 11, even though the calculator does not say so.

COVID-19 Positive with NO Symptoms

Isolate at Home Until:

- At least 5 days** have passed since the day of your initial positive test was taken **AND**
- You have a negative COVID-19 rapid test collected on or after day 5**

If positive After Day 5,

- Stay home 10 calendar days** after your positive result
- Consult your medical provider
- If you take another rapid test after Day 5**, and it is negative, you may return to school, but you are required to wear a mask both indoors/outdoor through day 10.

Household contact:

If your child has had close contact with someone in the household who tested positive for COVID-19, they are not required to quarantine, and may return if they meet the requirements set forth in the COVID-19 supplemental handbook.

COVID-19 Symptoms:

(New or changing symptoms, not due to chronic condition)

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| • Fever (100.4 °F or higher) | • Fatigue | • Body Aches and/or chills |
| • New Cough (different from baseline) | • Runny or Stuffy Nose | • Headache - Especially with a Fever |
| • Difficulty Breathing | • Diarrhea (new onset) | • Sore Throat |
| | • Vomiting | • Loss of Taste or Smell |

Preschool Contact:

If your child was in close contact with another child at the ECC who tested positive for COVID-19, they are not required to quarantine, and may return if they meet the requirements set forth in the COVID-19 supplemental handbook.

We will continue to review updates to county, state, and federal guidance and we may adjust policies accordingly

* Your first full day of symptoms is day 0; ** Day 0 is the first full day your positive test was taken