

In The Loop

UCR Early Childhood Services

Summer/June
2022

COVID-19

COVID-19 Current Guidance

Sharing the guidance from CDC in summarized form as of March 18, 2022. Click the links in the text to go directly to CDC policies. Children and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as [influenza](#) (flu) or COVID-19, should stay home and be referred to a healthcare provider for testing and care. Staying home when sick with COVID-19 (which is known as [isolating](#)) is essential to keep COVID-19 infections out of programs and prevent spread to others.

COVID-19 Child Care Guidance for when a child is feeling sick or tests positive has been updated (See [chart](#)). In summary, when a child feels sick or has a fever they must [isolate](#) immediately. If the child receives a negative test result or another diagnosis from a healthcare provider, the child can return when feeling better **AND** the fever has been gone for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication. When a child tests **POSITIVE*** for COVID-19, the **child stays home for 5 days**** and can return on **Day 6***** If the child is feeling better **AND** fever has been gone for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication and **MUST** wear a well-fitted mask through **Day 10*** if over the age of 2 years old ([Masking Guidance](#)). Testing is not required, but highly encouraged.

Additionally, COVID-19 exposures for children in childcare have been updated (See [chart](#)). In summary, children who have been exposed that are **up-to-date****** on the **COVID-19 vaccine**, and **do not show any symptoms** and/or have had a COVID-19 infection in the last **90 days** may attend every day as long as the child feels well AND has no fever (MUST wear a well-fitted mask for 10 days). Children who are **NOT** up-to-date and **do not show any symptoms** may attend every day as long as the child feels well AND has no fever (MUST wear a well-fitted mask for 10 days).

SPECIAL NOTES

*If a child test positive without symptoms, then feels sick later, Day 0 is now the day they started feeling sick

**If a child is never sick, but tests positive, Day 0 is the day child was swabbed.

***If a child feels sick at any time, Day 0 is the first sick day.

****Children who have received all doses of the primary COVID-19 vaccine.



SYMPTOMS?

Test, stay home and away from others ([quarantine](#)) right away!

Keep your child home and NOTIFY the center at (951) 827-7454 if:

- Your child exhibits symptoms (Isolate for 1- 5 days, see [chart](#))
- Child has been exposed anywhere (Test & Mask)
- Someone at home has symptoms or is awaiting test results (Test & Mask)
- Anyone in the household tests positive (That person ISOLATES, test & mask)
- If we notify you of an exposure (Test & mask)

Anyone with symptoms or confirmed COVID-19 should stay home and [isolate](#) from other people for at least 5 full days.

View <https://www.rivcoph.org> for general info and test sites

Program Updates

FY 2022-2023 Tuition Rates

The proposed tuition increase across all program categories has been accepted and approved and will go into effect on July 1st, 2022 (See table below). FY 2022-2023 financial agreements and registration packets will be out in the next couple of weeks. You can view current rates here: [Existing & Approved Rates FY 22-23](#).

Infant Program			
Schedule	Student Fee	Staff & Faculty Fee	Community Fee
5 Days M-F	1,105	1,670	1,985

Toddler Program			
Schedule	Student Fee	Staff & Faculty Fee	Community Fee
5 Days M-F	1,050	1,565	1,920

Preschool & Kinder Prep Program			
Schedule	Student Fee	Staff & Faculty Fee	Community Fee
5 Days M-F	785	1,060	1,330
3 Days MWF	530	700	855
2 Days T-TH	370	490	585

Kindergarten Program			
Schedule	Student Fee	Staff & Faculty Fee	Community Fee
School Day M-F	750	750	965
School Day & Enrichment Program M-F	1,000	1,000	1,295

NAEYC Accreditation

Please join us in congratulating the ECS teaching staff and administration on achieving another five-year term of accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Accreditation demonstrates ECS' commitment to quality and continuous improvement. ECS is committed to ensuring that our environment, policies, and practices are continually aligned with NAEYC's early learning standards and recommended practices. **The new term is valid until December 1, 2027.**

For more information about NAEYC, [visit https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families](https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/for-families).



Early Childhood Higher Education Programs

Important Dates:

- *June 10, 2022*: End of the Year Celebration – Family Drive-In Movie @4pm
- *June 20, 2022*: Center Closed in Observance of Juneteenth
- *June 24, 2022*: Kindergarten Promotion @10am
- *July 4, 2022*: Center Closed in Observance of Independence Day

Program Reminders

Drop-Off & Pick-Up

Child drop-off and pick-up between the hours of 9:45 am – 2:15 pm takes place indoors. We are working on bringing drop-off and pick-up indoors indefinitely in the next few weeks to ensure children, families, and staff's health and safety are a priority, given the recent incidents involving active shooters. We request that families not enter the classroom environments as we transition back indoors to limit exposure—more information to come.

The following guidelines must be adhered to:

- No more than **two** parents/caregivers will be given the authorization to enter designated areas
- Drop-offs and pick-ups are limited to 2-3 minutes with the exception of infants/toddlers as they may require more time
- Once your child has been dropped off or picked up, families must exit the building, we ask that side conversations with others take place outdoors
- No gathering in the lobby or corridors
- **Effective June 1, 2022**, an **R'Card** will be required to gain access to the center.
****Staff, Faculty & Postdocs visit <https://ucrcard.ucr.edu/staff-faculty-postdocs>.**
****All others visit <https://ucrcard.ucr.edu/affiliates-visiting-scholars-and-non-salaried-positions>. If you already have an R' Card, please visit the front office in the North CDC to get your card activated.**

NOTE: OUTDOOR DROP-OFF: 7:30 am -9:30 am/ OUTDOOR PICK-UP: 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Masking

Effective Monday, May 30. From May 30 through June 13, face coverings will be required in indoor spaces on campus and in university-owned or operated venues.

Face coverings remain required indoors for anyone not up to date on the **COVID-19 vaccination, including those eligible for boosters after June 13th.** Children between the ages of 2 and 5 years are required to mask. Children eligible for the COVID-19 vaccines and are fully vaccinated must provide proof of vaccination status to the enrollment coordinator. Otherwise, they will be required to mask indoors. If you have forgotten your mask, please stop by the front office, and we will provide you with one.

On-Site Testing

Additionally, testing is still available to all UC affiliates, including our ECS families, *onsite every Monday, located at ECS North Conference Room between 7:30 am - 9:30 am.*

Registration is a One-time process. All patients are required to be registered with Color and have a form of photo ID upon check-in (for all adults; any parent/guardian of a minor will provide their ID to verify the guardian information reflects on the minor's profile). For employee registration [click here](#) and for family (and minors) [click here](#). **There is no age requirement.**



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COVID-19 REMINDERS

IMPLEMENTED MITIGATION STRATEGIES

ECS continues to work hard to ensure we are taking extra precautions to mitigate the spread of Coronavirus. We are taking these extra steps to support the health and safety of your children, your family, and our staff. ECS will continue to implement the following strategies:

- Daily health screenings
- Face coverings are required indoors for individuals that are not up to date on COVID-19 vaccines and boosters
- Maintain proper ventilation with hospital-grade air filters and regular HVAC maintenance
- Maintain stable cohorts/groups
- Clean equipment between use
- Disinfect high touch surfaces frequently
- Perform enhanced deep cleaning every night in all areas, including quarterly carpet shampooing
- Access to antibacterial hand sanitizer, disposable gloves, and other PPE materials
- Meals are plated and served by staff instead of family-style
- Staff have been educated through training on COVID-19 symptoms as well as preventative measures
- Children who start to experience symptoms including fever are isolated to the extent possible
- Staff will not be allowed to work if they are feeling ill or experiencing symptoms
- ECS staff has priority access to testing at the UCR Bear Cave daily & once a week onsite testing
- Implementation of UCOP Vaccine mandate policies

Thank you for your continued support and patience during these challenging and uncertain times. ECS values your partnership and will continue to work on ways to increase our two-way communication. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out directly. I am open to scheduling 1:1 zoom sessions or taking phone calls to discuss problems or issues as they arise. Davina.Bailey@ucr.edu / (951)-827-7453

Sincerely,
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