

## COVID-19 Policy

### Early Childhood Center & Extended Care

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## Masking Policy

- All staff are strongly encouraged to wear masks indoors, especially when interacting with parents. With some distance, masks can be removed while teaching in YOUR classroom.
- All adult visitors are strongly encouraged to wear masks when indoors.
- The CDC recommends that children, two years and older, wear a face mask.
  - Any child (age 2-Kindergarten) who is sent to school with a face mask will be encouraged by the staff to properly wear it (except while eating or sleeping).
  - Masking children will not be required for the Early Childhood Center, except for ...
    - The Kindergarten class when there is an outside guest/volunteer.
  - Extended Care Students are strongly encouraged to wear a face mask while they are indoors.

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."*

John 13:34

## Cleaning and Handwashing Procedures

Cleaning procedures following the Minnesota Department of Health's recommendations for the Early Childhood Center continue including: Frequent washing of toys, tables are washed and sanitized before all meals and when visibly soiled, bathrooms are sanitized at least twice a day and when visibly soiled, classroom light switches and door handles and drinking fountains are sanitized throughout the day, borrowed classroom items will be washed after each use (nap blankets, coats or jackets, soft items), any toy is in a child's mouth, it will be washed before it can return to the classroom.

Frequent handwashing by staff is required after certain tasks. Children's handwashing is encouraged after the playground, before eating and other times throughout the day.

## Drop-off Procedures

### **Infants:**

Sign children in at Lobby at door #1. Leaving shoes in the hallway, parents can enter the classroom to drop off bottles, snacks, diaper bag, fill out a last feeding form, and give special instructions. Leave car seats outside in the hallway under the table. Please exit door #12 to ease congestion (unless the elevator is needed).

### **Toddler-Kindergarten:**

Sign children in at Lobby at door #1. Parents will help child(ren) put jackets, backpacks, toys, lovey and nap items in their lockers. Have your child go to the hallway restroom and have them use the restroom and wash their hands. Walk your child(ren) to the classroom door until the teacher comes to the door. Please stay outside the classroom. Exit door #12 to ease congestion (unless the elevator is needed).

### **Extended Care:**

Parents will remain just inside the classroom to sign in their child. Children will be sent to wash their hands before interacting with other children.

## Pick-up Procedures

### **Infants:**

Sign children out at Lobby at Door #1. Leaving shoes outside, parents can enter the classroom to pick up their child, diaper bag, remaining bottles and get updates.

### **Toddler-Whales:**

Upon arrival please stop at the classroom door and knock. A teacher will come to the door, call your child over and have them gather their items from their cubbies (if not already in their lockers).

### **Kindergarten:**

Student pick up will take place in the school lobby after Kindergarten. Any student not being picked up will be brought to Extended Care (with their face mask).

### **Extended Care:**

Parents will remain just inside the classroom and wait as their child gathers their personal items.

# Quarantine Policy

## Vaccinated

Fully vaccinated people who have come into close contact with someone suspected or confirmed with COVID-19

Quarantine is not required, if you ...

- Monitor and continue to show no symptoms
- Get tested 3-5 days after exposure
- Wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until you receive a negative test result

## Unvaccinated

Anyone who is in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case (NOT in your household)

Close contact = a person who was within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes (one time or accumulated over a 24 hour period) of someone who is infected. (If others in your household were not in close contact, they do not need to stay home.)

- **The safest option:** Quarantine for 14 days after the last day of contact. If there are no symptoms during the 14 days, you may return to school on day 15.
- **Koala, Ducky & Lambs:** Your child quarantines for 14 days after the last day of contact. If there are no symptoms, your child may return to school on day 15.
  - We feel it is best that parents monitor their child for symptoms for the full 14 days.
- **Staff, Whales, Kindergarten, Extended Care:** A 14 day quarantine is the best. However, you could consider a 10 day quarantine after the last day of contact if no one in your home is experiencing symptoms or has COVID-19.
  - Quarantine at home and get them tested 5-7 days after contact.
  - Upon negative test result (**PCR test from saliva, or nose or throat**), your child can return on day 11
  - **Continue to watch for symptoms** through day 14. If they have any symptoms, stay home, separate from others, and get tested right away.
  - You **must wear a face mask and social distance** through day 14
  - You must contact us as soon as you have received your negative test and your intentions of an early return so we can make the necessary arrangements.

**PLEASE NOTE: The above Quarantine Policy has been personalized for OSS and is different from the CDC and the Minnesota Department of Health.**

## Rules for Exclusion for COVID-19

Our typical illness exclusions still stand, as well as the addition of the MN Dept of Health COVID specific guidelines.

### \*If anyone in your household is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and/or is awaiting test results

- Your child should stay home, get tested and your family should isolate until test results have come in.

### \*If a parent/sibling tests positive for COVID-19

- You (and your child) are to stay home in isolation for at least 10 days from the time symptoms start until symptoms have improved AND are fever free for 24 hours (without fever reducing meds).
- After the 10 day isolation period, your child starts their 14 day quarantine.
  - If you are able to isolate your child from the person who has COVID-19 (no contact), then your child only needs to quarantine for 14 days from the last time they had direct contact.
- We will need to know the **exposure date**, the **date their symptoms began** or the **date of the positive test** to determine your child's return date.

### \*If your child tests positive for COVID-19

- Your child (and your family) should stay at home in isolation for at least 10 days from the time symptoms started until symptoms have improved AND no fever for 24 hours (without fever reducing meds).
- We will need to know the **last day** they were at school, the **date the symptoms began** and/or the **date of the positive test** to determine your child's return date.

**\*PLEASE NOTE: In any of the above situations, if a classroom closure is necessary, your child may not be able to return until we can properly staff the classroom.**

### COVID-19 Plan Administrator

If your child or someone in your household are awaiting test results, have tested positive for COVID-19 or were in close contact with someone who is now positive, please contact **Laurie Bromenshenkel** at **952-474-5181 x210** or **Laurie.Bromenshenkel@oslcs.org**.

Please copy the director on email communications, too, so appropriate staff can be informed of your child's absence and return date. **Lisa.Johnson@oslcs.org** or **Joe.Aurich@oslcs.org**

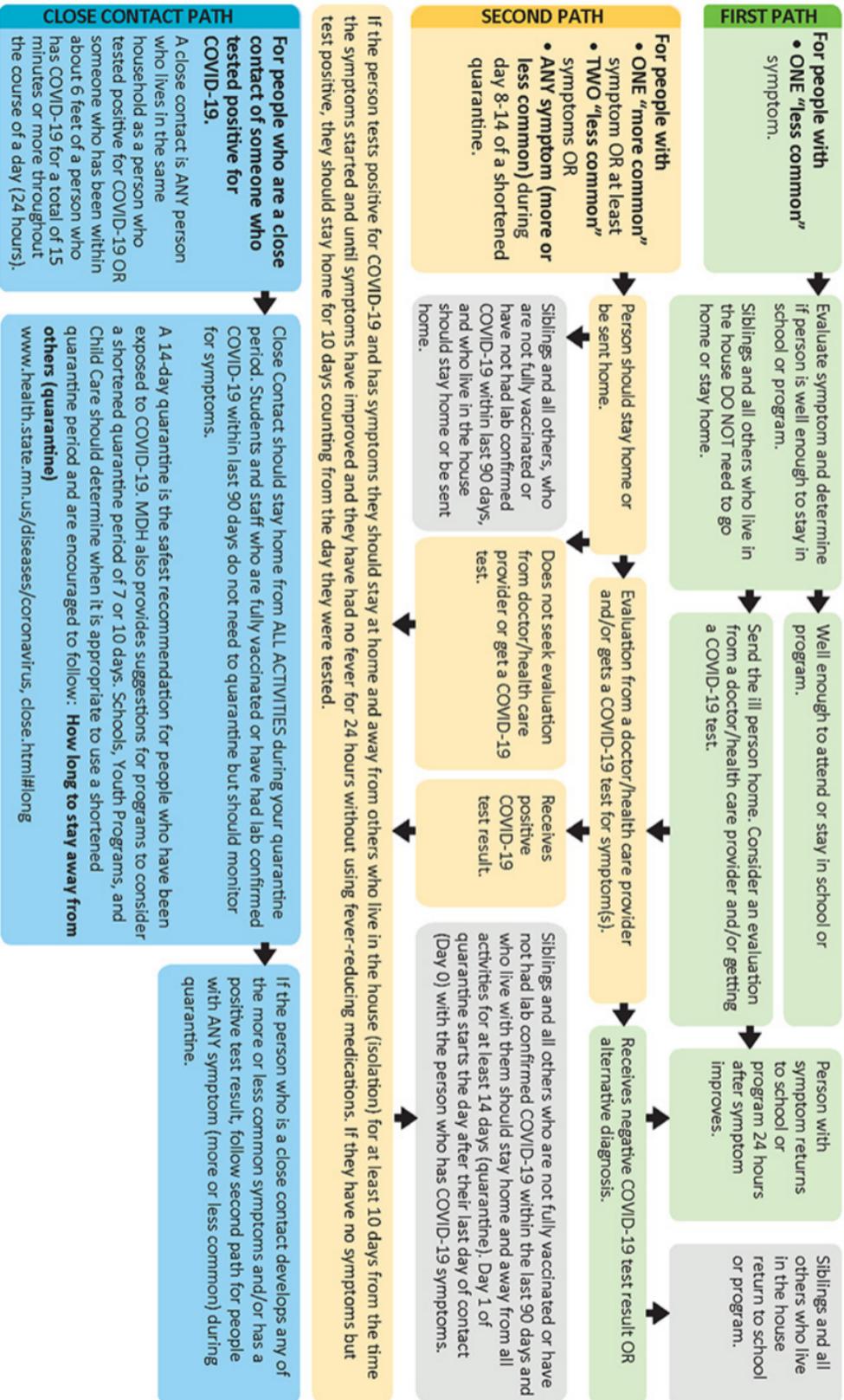
# COVID-19 Decision Tree

Full Decision Tree <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf>

## Recommended COVID-19 Decision Tree for People in Schools, Youth, and Child Care Programs

Settings are encouraged to follow the appropriate path if a child, student, or staff person – regardless of vaccination status – is experiencing the following symptoms.

- **More common:** fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher; new cough or a cough that gets worse; difficulty/hard time breathing; new loss of taste or smell.
- **Less common:** sore throat; nausea; vomiting; diarrhea; chills; muscle pain; extreme fatigue/feeling very tired; new severe/very bad headache; new nasal congestion/stuffy or runny nose.



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