

DAY CARE CENTERS, INC.

EXCLUSION CRITERIA DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Center Health Policy - Becoming Ill at the Center

Any child or staff member who becomes ill at the Center must exit the Center within 30 minutes and may not return to the Center for three (3) days and until they are symptom free without medication for 24 hours. They must have a note from their doctor stating they are able to return to school/work. Center policies regarding child absences remain the same and tuition credits are not provided.

Positive Test within the Center

In the event of a positive test within the Center, staff and children's families who had close contact as defined by the CDC (prolonged exposure for more than 15 minutes within 6 feet) will be notified immediately and must follow current CDC guidelines requiring quarantine for 10-14 days. Negative test results do not end quarantine early. Center policies regarding absences remain the same and tuition credits may be provided.

Staff and families will only be notified of positive test results. The identity of those who test positive will remain anonymous.

COVID-19 Symptoms and Restrictions*

Please keep your child(ren) home if they are not feeling well. Children, parents/guardians, and staff who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 may not enter the Center and must remain at home according to our **Center Health Policy**. These include but are not limited to:

- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Having had a fever reducing medicine within the last 6 hours
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Cough
- New loss of taste or smell
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Travel to restricted areas within the last 14 days
- Contact with someone with or under investigation for COVID-19

*Any questions regarding questionable COVID-19 symptoms will be sent to the Department of Health (DOH) and/or the CDC.

DCCI will continue to confer with appropriate agencies regarding Center closures due to COVID-19 illnesses within the Center and community. These policies and protocols are subject to change as new information is disseminated by the CDC and DOH.