

UC SANTA BARBARA

Early Childhood Care & Education Services

COVID-19 Prevention Program

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Disclaimer:

UC Santa Barbara Early Childhood Care and Education Services (ECCES) continues to monitor the rapidly evolving public health situation around COVID-19. We have developed the following resource for easy reference to our current guidance. This Guide is current as of the above date and is based on standards set forth by the California Department of Social Services ([CDSS](#)), Center for Disease Control ([CDC](#)) the California Department of Public Health ([CDPH](#)), the Santa Barbara County of Public Health ([SBCPH](#)), and the University of California. All efforts will be made to keep this Guide as current as possible.

Guidance When a Child/Staff Member is Symptomatic, a Close Contact, or Diagnosed with COVID-19		
Situation	Immediate Action	Follow Up
Positive COVID-19 PCR or Antigen Test	Must isolate at home , regardless of vaccination status (even if fully vaccinated). The timeline for return is:	Per CDPH masking guidance, infected persons over the age of 2

Result Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, previous infection or lack of symptoms.	• <u>With symptoms:</u> May return after 5 days have passed since symptom start date IF symptoms are improving and there is no fever for 24 hours (without fever reducing medication) AND a negative test is completed (antigen recommended), on or after day 5. • <u>For children under 2:</u> May return to school after day 5 without testing, IF symptoms are improving and no fever for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication) • <u>Without symptoms:</u> May return after 5 days have passed since the date of positive COVID-19 test and negative test is completed on or after day 5 (antigen recommended). <u><i>If unable to test on day 5 or after, or if repeat test on day 5 remains positive, case must stay isolated until a negative test is obtained or 10 days of isolation have passed. No additional isolation or testing required after day 10.</i></u>	years old should wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings
COVID-19 Symptoms (e.g., fever, cough,runny nose, loss of taste or smell, difficulty breathing)	IMMEDIATELY ISOLATE Send home or stay home. • If negative COVID-19 test result (PCR or antigen) or COVID-19 ruled out by primary care provider (something else other than COVID-19 infection is the reason for symptoms), can return 24 hours after fever resolves and symptoms have improved without fever reducing medication • If not tested and does not see primary care provider to identify cause of symptoms, can return to school 10 days after symptom onset.	

Persons Who are Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 at School (No Quarantine) *Persons infected within the prior 90 days do not need to be tested, quarantined, or excluded unless symptoms develop.	• Exposed individuals regardless of vaccination status, can partake in all school activities, unless symptoms develop or tests positive for COVID-19. • Exposed individuals need to be tested (via Antigen or PCR), 5 days after last exposure • If under 2, monitor for symptoms and test if symptoms develop.(At home tests not approved for children under 2).	
High-Risk Exposures Certain exposures may be deemed higher risk for transmission, such as in a household with longer periods of exposure	• Individuals should stay home for 5 days after last contact with the person with COVID-19*, • Quarantine can end after Day 5 if symptoms are not present and a diagnostic specimen collected on Day 5 or later tests negative. • If unable to test or choosing not to test, and symptoms are not present, quarantine can end after day 10. *Individuals who have ongoing close contact with a person with COVID-19 because they live in the same house must stay home in quarantine for 5 days after the person with COVID-19 is released from isolation	Cases who cannot separate from others in the home should mask when in common areas and when around others for 10 days

Resources	• CDC School Guidance Document • CDPH Guidance for Children who are sick or test positive. • CA Safe Schools for All Call the COVID-19 Hotline: 1-833-4CA-4ALL (1-833-422-4255) Monday-Friday 8am-8pm Saturday-Sunday 8am-5pm	ECCES Contacts: OFCC Preschool Program Coordinator: Tamara Thompson Infant/Toddler Coordinator: Jenny Greaney 805-893-4904 UCC Infant Toddler Coordinator: Marina Nolte 805-8937818
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ECCES Travel Guidance/ Fall 2022		
Situation	Immediate Action	Follow Up
Testing (Domestic/International)	Testing after travel (anywhere outside of California) is required, regardless of vaccination status. Process involves 2-step testing The first approved COVID-19 test (PCR/antigen) is taken within 24 hours before entering a ECCES facility. A second COVID-19 test is required 5 days following the first. No testing= 10 day quarantine	

Isolation and Quarantine (International)	Up-to-date, vaccinated individuals are not required to quarantine. However, unvaccinated or not up-to-date individuals—including those with a valid medical or religious exemption—must quarantine for 5 days in addition to completing re-entry testing.	
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