

COVID policy for children enrolled at FCC (last updated November 13, 2023)

The following guidance is designed to help Fauntleroy Children's Center (FCC) maintain operations during COVID-19 exposures while adhering to health and safety standards advised by Public Health.

As circumstances and COVID-19 best practices evolve, FCC may revise operating procedures and policies to maintain the health and safety of children and staff.

Note: People at high risk for serious complications of COVID-19 should consult with their healthcare providers.

Health screenings prior to attendance

Parents or guardians must screen children for symptoms of any illness, COVID-19 included, at home prior to arriving at FCC. FCC has a separate Illness Policy that pertains to illnesses that are not Covid-19, or any Covid-19 variants. This Policy pertains only to Covid-19. Symptoms for COVID-19 may include:

- Fever ($\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$) or chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle or body aches
- Loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Sore throat
- Cough

>>If any individual in your household has one or more of these symptoms above, **please stay home and test for COVID-19 or see your healthcare provider.**

>>If your child does not have Covid-19 or any of the variants, please reference FCC's Illness Policy to determine whether your child may be present at FCC.

Testing Considerations:

Individuals who have been infected with COVID-19 within the past 90 days should use an antigen test, as PCR tests may remain persistently positive even if there is no new or active infection.

If testing access is a hardship for your family or supply is running low, please see the FCC office where free kits are available.

Developing symptoms of COVID-19 while at FCC

- If a child starts to exhibit symptoms while at FCC, that child will be separated from activities. Teachers will contact Authorized Persons by sending a message on BrightWheel and calling the Authorized Persons immediately upon making the decision to send the child home, If FCC teachers and staff do not get a response within 1 hour from the first Authorized Person they contact, they will call the next Authorized Person listed.
- Authorized Person's will pick up the child within one hour after they have spoke to or responded on BrightWheel to acknowledge the child must be sent home.
- Any child who is sent home from FCC because they developed symptoms of Covid-19 while at FCC must follow the Health Screening and protocol for **testing for COVID-19 with symptoms** (set out above), before returning to FCC.

COVID-19 Exposure

Definition of Exposure: Close contact for a minimum of 15 minutes. Children and staff within the same classroom are considered close contacts.

- If your child is exposed to Covid-19, you must monitor for symptoms and test for COVID-19. The CDC recommends testing for COVID-19 five days after the last exposure.
- If your child was exposed to COVID-19 outside of FCC, please inform the office as soon as possible. You must monitor for symptoms and test for COVID-19.
- If your child was exposed to COVID-19 in the home, please inform the office as soon as possible. If your child is unable to isolate from the positive case in your home, you must provide proof of a negative test each day they attend FCC or they may wear a well-fitting mask for days 0-10 following the last exposure. *Note this could mean mask wearing could extend beyond day 10.

To return to FCC following a known Covid-19 exposure:

- Throughout days 0-10 following an exposure, monitor for symptoms and take precautions.

Snowflakes, Satellites, Comets, Moonbeams:

- If exposed to COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, all staff and children in the Snowflakes, Shining Stars, Satellites, Comets, or Moonbeams are required to wear a well fitting mask on days 0-5 following an exposure.
- **Before returning to FCC on Day 6 following an exposure**, show proof of 2 negative antigen tests taken 24 hours apart or 1 PCR test. Send the test results to office@fauntleroychildrenscenter.org.

- Once proof of the negative test(s) is provided on Day 6 and provided there are no symptoms, children can remove their masks, though it is strongly encouraged to mask through day 10 following an exposure.

Clouds, Sunshines, Rainbows:

- Children in Clouds, Sunshines and Rainbows are not **required** to wear a mask per CDC guidelines for certain age groups, though it is **encouraged** for children 2 years of age or older in those classrooms. Staff members working in these rooms are required to wear a mask for days 0-10 after a known exposure.
- In lieu of mask wearing on days 0-5 following an exposure, children in Clouds, Sunshines and Rainbows are asked to closely monitor for symptoms and test if symptoms develop.
- **Before returning to FCC on Day 6 following an exposure**, show proof of 2 negative antigen tests taken 24 hours apart or 1 PCR test. Send the test results to office@fauntleroychildrenscenter.org.

Returning to FCC after COVID-19 positive case

- All persons regardless of vaccination status who test positive for COVID-19 are not permitted to be present at FCC for **at least five days** after testing positive or at least five days after first symptom occurred. If symptoms occur after you test positive, your five day isolation starts over.
- Staff and children may return to FCC **after five full days have passed if:**
 - If they test negative on two sequential antigen tests taken 24-48 hours apart. Send the test results to office@fauntleroychildrenscenter.org. PCR tests can remain positive weeks after exposure.
OR
 - It has been 5 full days since a positive test result and no symptoms occurred
OR
 - It has been 5 full days since first symptom onset AND
 - No fever within the past 24 hours (without medication) **AND**
 - Symptoms have significantly improved
- Children returning to FCC after testing positive for Covid-19 are required to wear a well-fitted mask from day 6 to 10 (except for children in Clouds, Sunshines, and Rainbows as provided below).
- For children in **Clouds, Sunshines, Rainbows** following isolation, they must provide two sequential antigen tests taken 24-48 hours apart in order to return to FCC. Send the test results to office@fauntleroychildrenscenter.org.

Face Coverings

FCC lifted mandatory mask requirements for **daily operations**, but continues to strongly encourage masking especially after travel. FCC reserves the right to update the mask wearing policy at any time to remain current with Public Health guidance.

As of November 2023, mask wearing is **optional** for both adults and children while inside FCC **with the following exceptions:**

- Individuals recovering from a positive case of COVID-19 are required to wear a well-fitting mask after their 5 day isolation on days 6-10.
- If exposed to COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, adults and children in the Snowflakes, Shining Stars, Satellites, Comets, or Moonbeams should wear a well fitted mask for days 0 - 10 after last known exposure. Proof of a two negative test antigen tests taken 24 hours apart provided on Day 6 can remove this requirement.
- Face coverings should not be worn by children under 2 years of age which includes children assigned to the Clouds and Sunshines rooms.
- The Rainbow room includes children 18 months up to 3 years of age. Masks may be encouraged / practiced with teacher support for children at least 2 years of age or older if there is a known exposure. If a child over the age of 2 is resistant to mask wearing, parents or guardians will be notified. If a child is under the age of 2 and should not wear a mask per Public Health guidelines.

Additional notes on face coverings:

- N95 or KN95 masks are encouraged due to increased effectiveness when mask coverings are required.
- Children may be assisted taking masks on and off.
- Children will remove their masks for outdoor time, naps, and meal times.
- Cloth face coverings should be washed and dried between uses.

Authorized pick-up persons

- If the parent, guardian or approved pick up person has been exposed to Covid-19, the person is permitted to enter FCC hallways and classrooms, but required to wear an N95, KN95, or KF94 mask. Please test five days after last known exposure.
- If parent, guardian, or approved pick up person has tested positive for COVID-19, they can enter FCC starting on day six after a positive test or first symptom onset. Masks are required through Day 10 following a positive case of COVID-10. An N95, KN95, or KF94 mask is strongly encouraged.