

This COVID-19 policy is designed to help childcare centers protect the health and safety of children, staff, and families. The policy is based on the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

RCC Procedure as of December 1, 2023

As of their latest update (December 2023) the [CDC Recommendations](#) include the following:

- **Staying Up to Date on Vaccinations**
 - Vaccination is the best way to protect against serious illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19.
 - RCC encourages all eligible students, staff, and visitors to get vaccinated and boosted.
- **Testing**
 - Testing can help to identify and isolate people who are infected with COVID-19, even if they are not showing symptoms.
- **Staying Home When Sick**
 - Please follow RCC's existing illness protocols.
- **Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette**
 - Please encourage children to follow RCC's existing hygiene protocols, to include washing hands upon arrival and covering their mouth when coughing and sneezing.

RCC Operational Procedures will prioritize the following CDC Guidance:

- **Ventilation**
 - Inspect and maintain HVAC systems regularly.
 - Encourage and capitalize on outdoor time for children
 - Arrange classrooms and outdoor spaces to allow for social distancing
- **Cleaning**
 - Clean high-touch surfaces regularly.
 - Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that are visibly soiled.

COVID Testing Policy:

If your child experiences the sudden onset of any of the following symptoms, [defined as related to COVID-19 by the CDC](#), please test your child for COVID-19.

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Commitment to honest and transparent COVID-19 testing is expected of all enrolled families. RCC faculty may mention symptoms or behavioral changes that they have noted during the day. Please respond accordingly and help us to mitigate risk and keep RCC safe from COVID-19 Outbreak.

Positive COVID-19 Response Policy

Positive cases in asymptomatic children or children experiencing mild symptoms may return on day 3 with a doctor's note clearing for return to school. Children ages 2 and up must wear a mask on days 4-10 following the initial positive test result.

Children testing positive with moderate to severe symptoms may return day 6 with improved symptoms, where they have been fever free for 24hrs when applicable. Ages 2 and up must wear a mask from days 6-10.

In households with a positive case: all members of the household may be asked to remain out of school for 3-5 days depending on symptoms, a negative test on day 3, and/or a doctor's note to return to school. These situations will be handled on a case by case basis by the Executive Director.

Communications

RCC will promptly alert classes and wings to COVID-19 risk where a significant proportion of any class has reported positive COVID-19 test results.

Tuition Policy



Fall 2023 Updated COVID-19 Guidance

RCC understands the pressures and inconveniences families are under during times of required quarantine. We are taking every possible step to minimize disruptions, exposures, and quarantines. Where exposures happen, however, RCC will be unable to refund or defer tuition payments. Enrollment at RCC requires allocation of an enrollment spot and these spots cannot be held without tuition payment.

Future Policy Changes

These policies are subject to change as the “best available guidance” from federal and state entities is considered. Whenever changes occur, the RCC Board of Directors is advised of recommended changes. Any changes will be promptly communicated to the Co-Op. If you have any questions or comments on policies, please reach out to the Executive Director.