

Early Education Services

RETURNING TO CARE AMIDST COVID19

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Zoom Etiquette

- Mute when not speaking
- Enable video to view each other
- Submit comments/questions via chat box
- There will be another Parent Meeting next week with your classroom teacher to ask questions about the curriculum, nap times, meal requests etc.
- This meeting is entirely focused on sharing the health and safety procedures that EES will implement in all of our classrooms.
- Respectful & courteous

Goals

To paint a picture of what EES will look like when we return based on what we currently know about operating early care and education amidst COVID19 from the following:

- Santa Cruz County Public Health
 - CDC (Center for Disease Control)
 - CDE (California Department of Education) & Child Care licensing
 - UCSC Office of Emergency Services
 - Consultation with other UC Campus Childcare Directors
 - Our shared professional knowledge as early educators
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Tentative good news about children and COVID 19

- *Though not conclusive*, limited data does suggest that :
 - Though they can contract the virus children are less likely to be infected (although they definitely can become sick or rarely, very sick), and less likely the source of transmission
 - There are some indications that they also tend not to get the virus without having any symptoms, though their symptoms are typically mild.
- This growing body of knowledge informs and will continue to inform our thinking about reopening and the protocols and practices we need to have in place to do so safely.
- *We are aware that knowledge about this virus and children changes daily and will continue to adjust our plans to keep children and staff as safe as possible during this time.*



Planning for a Gradual Opening

- We will keep all group sizes smaller (not more than 12-14)
- When we reopen on September 21st, we'll have:
 - 1 Toddler classroom (max 12 children)
 - 1 Preschool classroom (max 14 children)
 - 1 School-Age classroom (max 14 children)
- "Ramp up" orientation schedule allows children to transition into their classroom. We won't be able to allow parents to visit with their child in the classroom. To help with this process, the orientation schedule allows smaller groups of children at one time.
- Shorter operating hours at EES from 8:30 - 5:00pm



Limiting contact (especially adults)

- No visitors or tours will be allowed in the building
 - The custodial staff will be one consistent team; limited all non-emergency maintenance work outside of childcare operating hours
 - The staff will limit shared use of staff work rooms, business office and bathrooms where possible
 - Business office may have shorter operating hours
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- *Hardest part - no parents or other family members including siblings or guardians will be able to enter any of the classrooms.*

Schedules, drop-off and pick up

- Sanitizer stations will be located at each entry way. A member of the teaching staff will greet the child, and bring the child into the classroom.
- Only one child will be entered into the classroom at the same time (may have to wait a few minutes while we check in each child)
- At the check-in station, signing-in and signing-out will be electronic (teachers will sign in from their mobile devices)
- We ask parents/others to not socialize at pick up and drop off
- We ask to keep one consistent parent doing the drop off and pick up (if possible)
- All adults will be required to wear face coverings at drop off/pick up
- Children will have temperature checked with no touch thermometers, and be screened for any signs of illness
- All staff at EES are screened before they arrive to work each day



Check in Stations

- Each program will have a check-in station outside
 - Outside of each gate will be a check-in station
 - A teacher will take the temperature of the child, and ask the adult health screening questions:
 - Does the child have any of the following symptoms? Cough, fever, running nose, fatigue, diarrhea, headache, vomiting, trouble breathing, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or body aches.
 - Has the child been exposed to anyone with a positive Covid test in the last 14 days?
 - Has anyone in the household been exposed with anyone with a positive Covid test in the last 14 days?
 - Has the child traveled out of the country in the last 14 days?
 - Once the child is cleared, the teacher will take the child to put their belongings in their cubby (outside) and assist the child to wash their hands.
 - The teacher will sign in the child electronically on their mobile device
 - No adult will be allowed to go pass the check-in station

Illness Policy

CHILD MAY NOT ATTEND	CHILD MAY ATTEND
Your child must stay home if she or he has any of the following symptoms:	Your child may be at the Center if her or his condition is as follows:
FEVER or CHILLS Forehead temperature of 100.4° F or higher, or an oral temperature of 100° F or an axially obtained (armpit) temperature of 99° F or higher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 days since symptoms first appeared • 24 hours with no fever (without medication) <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptom improving
COUGH (all coughs)	
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, vomiting or diarrhea	
EYES Recurring discharge (green, white or clear) from the eyes, usually accompanied by redness and itching. Will not be admitted until discharge is cleared EVEN IF ON MEDICATION.	EYES No signs of fresh discharge from the eyes. Examination by doctor recommended.
LICE Intense scratching of scalp. Will not be admitted with any mites or eggs (nits) in hair.	LICE Treatment with pyrinaxer shampoo or a prescribed treatment. REMOVAL OF ALL EGGS.
SCABIES Raised red spots or lines on skin caused by a microscopic mite. Intense itching.	SCABIES Treatment with scabicide and doctor's note certifying absence of contagion.
SKIN Presence of rash, impetigo, draining poison oak, cold sores, canker sores, blisters, and/or fever blisters.	SKIN Absence of symptoms. Children with heat, roseola (without a fever), allergy or diaper rashes may attend with doctor's note. Children with Hand, Foot & Mouth disease must be absent of any unopened and/or new blisters in the last 48 hours and fever in the last 24 hours.

All children that display symptoms during our care will be required to be picked up within 30 minutes

Groups and Staffing

- Stable groups of children in each classroom
- Stable staffing (reduced or no student TA's)
- No mixing of different age groups outside
- May have daily walks to keep groups outside as much as possible. All other field trips are suspended.
- New children will need to transition into the program without their parents in the classroom



Class Environment, Curriculum and Activities

- Fewer children than usual in each room
- Activity centers spaced apart
- More individual activities -no sensory activities
- No large group gatherings
- Lots of time outdoors!
- But - children will still play together!
- TIP: Dress your child in layers



Go Home Guidelines

- If any staff or child displays any of these symptoms while they are at EES, they need to go home.
 - Fever of 100.4° F or higher, cough, trouble breathing/respiratory distress
 - Chills, shaking and chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell
 - Diarrhea, vomiting, runny nose
- All sick children will be moved to the isolation room with a teacher (location to be determined), and parents will be contacted, and the child must be picked up within 30 minutes
- The teacher with the sick child will wear gloves and face shield to further protect the teacher
- Please keep your contact information updated and current at all times
- Current recommendation from Santa Cruz County Health and UCSC Campus Health:
 - Stay home for 10 DAYS from onset of symptoms **AND**
 - Have symptoms improving **AND**
 - At least 24 hours without a fever (without fever-reducing medication).

Sanitizing, handwashing, disinfecting – same as usual, but more of it!

- Increased frequency of handwashing and disinfecting surfaces
- Toys and materials sanitized more frequently
- If/when we have shared bathrooms or yards, surfaces will be disinfected between uses
- All doorknobs, windows, gates, light switches are disinfected daily
- All soap dispensers have been replaced with motion detected dispensers.
- Drinking fountains will be closed
- All children will have their own color coded water bottle that will be sanitized daily
- Nap time - cots 6 feet apart, head and feet opposite ends



Food Program



- EES will continue to provide all meals, individual morning and afternoon snacks and lunch.
- All meals will be outside (unless it's raining)
- Increase "bag lunch" type foods (sandwiches, cut fruit, muffins etc.)
- We'll use disposable plates, and individual cartons of milk with each meal
- Fewer children at each table
- Assigned seating
- No family style service
- May use some prepackaged foods

Face Coverings

- Face coverings will be required for all adults and children ages 2 and above.
- All children will be required to wear a mask at arrival, and bring 2 extra cleaned mask.
- Please take the mask home daily, and bring 3 cleaned one each day



Protocols for Confirmed or Suspected Case of COVID 19 on Site

All confirmed or suspected cases will be evaluated by both UCSC Campus Health staff and Santa Cruz Health Department to plan for the best course of action. Each case will be different depending on the situation.

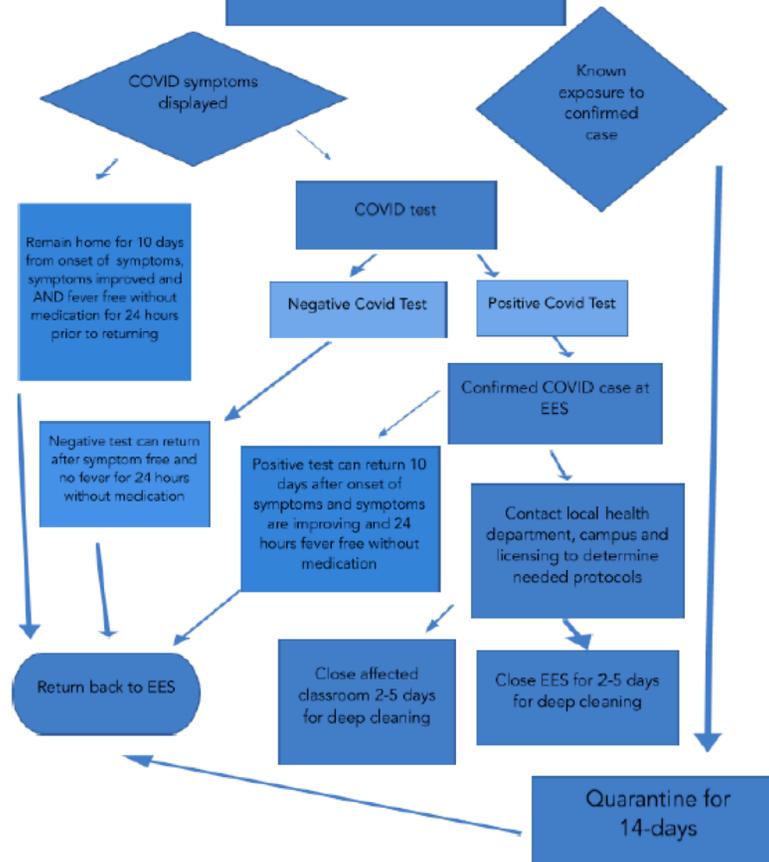


Indoor Air Environment

- We have followed all recommendations from Office of Environment Health & Safety
- Fans have been installed on the wall to keep the air circulating
- All windows will be kept open to increase outside air indoors
- Air purifiers will be placed in all classrooms that are Certified HEPA, and will run 24/7
- All portable air conditioners and HVAC systems are separate from each classroom. They all have been cleaned and have filters that are HEPA certified.
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COVID-19 Decision Flowchart



Contract, fees & enrollment

- Subsidized families: Staying home for any COVID 19 related reasons **ARE** excused absences (not comfortable to attend care, recent exposure to COVID 19, not feeling well etc.)
- New contracts will include COVID-specific expectations
- Enrollment (and all renewal enrollment paperwork) available online, and sent via DocuSign
- Full-Fee Families: Monthly tuition fees will apply with no proration for absences
- No discount for closure or absence due to COVID 19