

KIDS ON CAMPUS UPDATED COVID-19 POLICY 1/30/24

Children should be tested immediately if they have any symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms include cough, congestion, difficulty breathing, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fever, chills, headache, body aches, and fatigue. Any of these symptoms is a reason to test.

- If the test is negative, refer to illness policy in KOC handbook or illness [exposure notice](#) for return to school. Sick children who are not well enough to participate should stay home until symptoms improve. If children are ill, receive a negative test result, and symptoms are not improving after two days, test children again to confirm COVID-19 has not developed.
- If the test is positive, children must stay home for at least 5 days. Children may return to school when symptoms are improving, and if there is a negative test on day 6. If children still test positive on day 6, they may return to school once they have tested negative but must wear a mask through day 10 unless two sequential negative tests are provided 24 hours apart. Asymptomatic cases with no symptoms must still follow above guidelines. Regardless of symptoms, the potential infectious period is 2 days before symptoms began (or the positive test date if no symptoms) through Day 10. Day 0 is the symptom onset date or positive test date.

1. Non-Household Contact/Exposure (at gatherings and at school):

- Children in the Turtle, Dolphin, and Shark classrooms must wear a mask when *indoors* (except during nap and meals) through day 5 after the exposure and provide proof of a negative test on days 3 and 5 before school.
 - If any symptoms develop after day 5, test children again immediately and refer to guidelines above for a positive test result.

2. Household close contact:

- If a person living in the household has a positive diagnosis of COVID-19, the infected person should isolate. If isolation is not possible, the positive case should wear a mask indoors when around children. Children may attend school wearing a mask (preschool classes) and families are asked to provide a negative test result on days 3 and 5 of the last exposure to the positive case unmasked. Parents should test their children immediately if any new symptoms develop.

NOTES:

-If a child **had COVID in the last 30 days**, the above does not apply. However, they are required to test immediately if symptoms develop and follow procedures for a positive test or illness.

-Starfish and Otters are not required to mask but will be asked to test on required days. Otters over age 2 may wear a mask if that is a family's preference but those children are not required. Teachers will work with the children to help support each family's request.

-KOC will try to provide adequate extra space for meals and naps when recent positive cases return.

-KOC will provide rapid test when we are able.