

Communicable Disease Plan

We will notify the Local Public Health Authority, Lane County Public Health: 541-682-4041, of any confirmed COVID-19 case among children or staff.

We will exclude from the program any child or staff member, regardless of vaccination status, if they exhibit COVID-19 symptoms including new loss of taste or smell, fever, new cough, or shortness of breath in the last 10 days. New cough means out of the ordinary for this person – e.g., not typical asthma, allergies. Fever means 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or more, without the use of fever-reducing medication. Exclusion from the program will be for 10 days after onset of symptoms and 24 hours after both fever and cough resolve, without the use of a fever reducing medication. The 10-day exclusion period can be shortened: If an individual with symptoms of COVID-19 tests negative at any time during the 10-day period. They can return to the child care program 24 hours after resolution of cough and fever without the use of fever-reducing medication. If an individual's only symptom is fever and is advised by a medical professional they can return to the child care program. Documentation from the medical professional is required. The person should be fever-free for at least 24 hours. A child who has received routine childhood vaccinations in the last 48 hours can return to care at the direction of a medical professional once they are fever-free. Documentation of vaccination from the medical professional is required. If a child or staff's household member exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, we ask that the child or staff stay home for 10 days, the household member tests negative for COVID-19, or documentation from a medical professional states that they may safely return. We will of course seek additional case-by-case guidance from the local public health office.

For individuals who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms but who have received their COVID-19 vaccine within the past three days we will follow these guidelines: If the individual has symptoms of fatigue, chills, muscle ache, joint pain, or redness – these are likely vaccine side effects. If no fever is present, the individual may work or attend the program if they feel well enough to work. If fever is present, staff members should stay home until 24 hours fever-free. If the individual's only symptom is fever, the individual should stay home until 24 hours fever-free. If the fever does not improve in two days, the individual should see a health care provider and consider getting tested for COVID-19 as they may have been exposed prior to vaccination. If the individual has symptoms that include cough, shortness of breath, or loss of taste or smell, they should be excluded consistent with the recommendations above.

We will give as much notice as possible by email should we be required to reinstate some of the past COVID-19 ECC protocols. This could be due to State announcement and/or related to risk level in the county. Additionally, we will respond appropriately, following local public health and State guidance, to any exposure to, presumptive or confirmed case of COVID-19 within the child care program. Notifications of closure or quarantine shall be sent as soon as possible if not immediately.

We will continue to contract trace visitors, and individuals who pick up and drop off. Any individual on the premises that has contact with the child care program and people shall be recorded on the visitors' log or sign in/out sheets as appropriate. We will retain these records for at least two years. All volunteers will be required to show proof of vaccination.

Additional information

We require all individuals on site to be masked, this includes all children over the age of 2. We know the BEST ways to keep the spread of COVID-19 minimized are: vaccinating, handwashing, social distancing, staying home when ill and masking up.