

Catch the Son Preschool
Illness Policy
2020-2021

This information was taken directly from the CDC's website on 7/23/2020 and will be updated as new information comes available

This guidance is specific to children and teenagers because the number of reported children with SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) infection who experience symptoms, the types of symptoms they experience, and the severity of those symptoms differs from adults.

We learn more about COVID-19 every day, and as more information becomes available, CDC will continue to update and share information. As our knowledge and understanding of COVID-19 evolves, this guidance may change. However, based on the best available evidence at this time:

- **Parents or caregivers should monitor their children for signs of infectious illness every day.**
- **Students or parent helpers who are sick cannot attend school in-person.**
- **Students and parent helpers must be symptom-free for 72 hours before returning to school.**
 - Must have a temperature below 100.4 for at least 72 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication

Out of an abundance of caution, if a child or parent helper has any of the following symptoms, they will not be allowed to attend school:

- Fever (100.4+) 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
 - We understand that some children have runny noses due to allergies. If this is the case, it must be documented on your personal information form and in your child's profile in the Brightwheel app. A doctor's note may be required.
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If a child becomes ill during school time, we will isolate the child in an area away from other children and have a Parent Helper supervise the child. Parents will be notified and will be asked to pick up their child as soon as possible.

If a teacher, parent or child is exposed to someone with COVID19 or is diagnosed themselves, please refer to our Protocols for Exposure to or Confirmed Cases of COVID19.

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Protocols for Exposure to & Confirmed Cases of COVID19 2020-2021

What is “Close Contact”? (Defined by Whatcom County Health Department)

You generally need to be in close contact with a sick person to get infected. Close contact includes:

- Living in the same household as a sick person with COVID-19
- Caring for a sick person with COVID-19
- Being within 6 feet of a sick person with COVID-19 for about 15 minutes, or
- Being in direct contact with secretions from a sick person with COVID-19 (e.g., being coughed on, kissing, sharing utensils, etc.)

Close contact with someone includes the 48 hours **before** the person started showing symptoms.

Taken from: Washington State Department of Children, Youth & Families

Staff, Child, or Parent Helper Who Become Sick While at School (Not a Confirmed Case of COVID19)

- Place the person in a room away from others until they can leave the facility while maintaining supervision for any child in isolation
 - Teacher
 - Isolate in the fellowship/community room
 - Parent helpers take over until all the children in that class can be picked up
 - The entire class will need to be notified and their children will need to be picked up. Parent Helpers will not be responsible for conducting the rest of class.
 - The parent helper sends a mass text via Shutterfly. When the parent comes to pick up their child, they text the parent helper and they walk them to their door.
 - Student
 - Isolate in the fellowship/community room
 - The student will need to be supervised by a parent helper until they are picked up
 - The Parent(s) of that child are notified to come and pick them up ASAP
- When is it safe to return?
 - At least 3 days (72 hrs) symptom-free without the use of medication.

Confirmed Case of COVID19 in a Teacher, Student, or Preschool Parent (who has been a Parent Helper in a classroom within 48 hours of the onset of symptoms)

- Close off areas used by the person who was sick
- Open outside doors & windows to increase air circulation
- Wait at least 24 hours before re-entering to clean and disinfect
 - Make sure all spaces used by this person are cleaned and disinfected

- Preschool staff will wait as long as possible before re-entering to clean and disinfect
- Veronica will Notify Local Health Officials
- The entire school will be closed for 5 days (including weekend days)
- If more than 7 days have passed since the person who was sick visited or used the facility, additional cleaning and disinfecting are not necessary
- Consult with local health department on when to re-open
- If a teacher, student or parent helper tests positive for COVID19, the local health jurisdiction will advise, but it is likely that the members of that class will be considered close contacts and need to be quarantined for 14 days.
- **When is it safe to return?**
 - 10 days since symptoms first appeared **and**
 - 72 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
 - Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving*

**Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation*

Confirmed Case of COVID19 in a Church Member or Church Staff Person

- Veronica will send notification to the school that a church member or staff person has a confirmed case of COVID19
- Veronica will confirm where exactly in the building this person went
 - Any spaces the person occupied while they were in the building will need to be deep cleaned
 - If the person used the bathroom, it will need to be deep cleaned before preschool can resume

Taken from: Whatcom County Health Department

If a Preschool or Church Staff Member, Student or Parent Has Been in “Close Contact” (defined above) with Someone who has COVID-19

- Everyone in that family unit must self-quarantine for 14 days
- If they develop signs/symptoms of COVID-19 they cannot return to school until:
 - Please see “When is it safe to return?” above in the Confirmed Case of COVID-19 section
- As long as the person exposed hasn’t stepped foot into the building since the exposure, we do not need to notify families.
- If this person has spent time in the building since exposure, we will notify families.

Missed Days Due to COVID19

- We will not issue tuition refunds or make-up days for school missed due to COVID19