IF A CHILD DEVELOPS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

- The child should stay home and away from others while awaiting test results and must remain home until 3 days (72 hours) after the fever is gone and symptoms subside. At this point, the child may return to the Center.
- If the child’s symptoms worsen, the parent should contact their child’s healthcare provider to determine if they should be tested for COVID-19.

ILLNESS POLICY ADDENDUM

- Public Health Madison Dane County (PHMDC) will contact a Center if an enrolled child tests positive.
- Centers will take precautions based on a variety of scenarios, including:
  - A child is asymptomatic but the family has reported a potential contact exposure to someone with COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19 symptoms.
  - A family reports their child has had close contact (as defined as being within 6 feet of the positive case for more than 15 minutes) with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19.
  - A child develops COVID-19 symptoms while in care at the center [more details below].
  - A child is confirmed to have COVID-19.

IF A CHILD DEVELOPS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

- Immediately isolate the child from others until the child displaying symptoms can leave the facility. The Center will call their parent or guardian and have them picked up as soon as possible (within 1 hour). Center staff will change their PPE and wash their hands after caring for an ill child in isolation.
- Advise the child’s parent or caregiver to inform the Center Director immediately if the child is diagnosed with COVID-19. PHMDC should call the Center if there is a child enrolled with a positive COVID-19 test, but we are asking parents to inform us as a safety precaution.

RESOURCES

NATIONAL
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (naeyc.org)
- Centers for Disease Control (cdc.gov)

STATE
- Badger Bounce Back Plan (dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/prepare.htm)
- Department of Children and Family (dcf.wisconsin.gov)
- Wisconsin Early Childhood Association (wisconsinearlychildhood.org)
- National Assocation for the Education of Y oung Children (naeyc.org)
- Centers for Disease Control (cdc.gov)
- Dane County Public Health (publichealthmdc.com)
- Forward Dane (publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus/forward-dane)
- City of Madison Early Education Department (cityofmadison.com/commserv/CommunityAccreditation.html)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison (www.wisc.edu)
- UW Health (uwhealth.org)

LOCAL
- City of Madison Early Education Department (cityofmadison.com/commserv/CommunityAccreditation.html)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison (www.wisc.edu)
- UW Health (uwhealth.org)

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608-265-9123

CHILD DEVELOPMENT LAB
608-263-4579

EAGLE’S WING CHILD CARE
608-262-2522

WAISMAN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM
608-263-5760
**CHANGES YOU WILL SEE IN CENTERS**

- Adjusted hours of operation *(temporary)*
- Stricter illness policies for children and staff
- Drop-off and pick-up procedures and locations
  - Families will have a scheduled drop-off/pick-up time.
  - Strollers, car seats, toys from home, etc. are not permitted at this time.
- Limit number of caregivers picking up and dropping off whenever possible
- Temperature screening for children upon arrival
- No more than 15 children in one given area *(this includes each classroom and play spaces)*
- Social distancing between classroom groups
- Meals and snack times *(no sharing of utensils, no family-style meals, individually-wrapped snacks, etc.)*
- Reduction in number of adults entering the program, limiting non-essential visitors to classroom and center
- All staff encouraged to wear facial coverings whenever possible
- Additional cleaning and disinfecting measures
- Toys sanitized throughout the day with required cleaning agents

**NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR CARE**

Centers have created COVID-19 specific addendum to Health & Safety policies and procedures

- Staff training regarding updated policies and procedures
- Written plan in the event of a positive COVID-19 diagnosis
- Family cooperation/declaration to uphold health policies of self and others in your care *(daily child health screening)*

**GROUP SPACING STRATEGIES**
Centers will take the following steps to minimize exposure:

- Increase the space between chairs and nap mats/cots/cribs as possible
- Remind staff, children, and their families to maintain a safe distance *(six feet)* from each other during drop-off and pick-up times
- Maintain child-to-adult ratios, and reduce group sizes to no larger than fifteen children
- Keep groups together throughout the day and do not combine groups *(e.g., at opening and closing, at lunch, at outdoor play time)*
- Maintain the same groups from day to day
- Minimize time standing in lines
- Cancel field trips, assemblies, and other large gatherings
- Avoid sharing spaces even if the use of the space is staggered and used by only one group at a time
  - Large rooms or areas like gymnasiums or playgroups can be divided into discrete sections using physical barriers
  - Clean and disinfect each space between use of groups of different children

**FACE COVERINGS**

- Whenever possible, staff will be encouraged to wear face coverings
- Face coverings are most essential and will be required at times when social distancing is not possible
- Staff will be provided training not to touch the face covering and to practice frequent hand washing
- Information and training will be provided to all staff on proper use and removal of face coverings

**“Daily health checks including temperature screening & daily health screen questions will be conducted safely and respectfully”**

**HEALTH SCREENING POLICY**
A health screening will be required for each child every morning upon arrival

- Screen all children entering the program upon arrival for signs and symptoms of COVID-19
  - Daily health checks including temperature screening and daily health screen questions will be conducted safely and respectfully. Confidentiality will be maintained. *(CDC)*
  - Individuals with a fever at or above 100.4°F, or other symptoms of COVID-19 will not be permitted into the center, and will need to follow the Illness Policy Addendum
- Parents/Families will be required to wear a mask during drop-off and pick-up times
- Anyone entering the Center must wash hands
- Parents will wait in cars until their scheduled drop-off times and until their turn to enter the Center

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**INCREASED HYGIENE PRACTICES**

- More frequent handwashing among children and staff
- Teaching children to avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth with hands
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, follow up with hand washing or sanitizing

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**“If items are being shared, remind preschool and older children not to touch their faces and their hands after using certain items”**