



COVID-19 PANDEMIC POLICY- Revised 5/31/22

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Introduction

CCP has implemented the following updated safety measures for families, children, and teachers to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to keep everyone as healthy as possible.

CCP may revise this document as conditions change in the community. CCP will notify the teachers, staff, and parents when changes to the policy occur.

CCP requires all family members 18 years of age and older living in the household of a child attending CCP to be fully vaccinated with 1 booster for COVID-19.

CCP is required to follow the [CDC](#) and local Santa Cruz Health Department guidelines in response to any possible covid exposure. CCP reserves the right to impose additional safety protocols when deemed necessary (ie. a sudden surge in Covid cases countywide).

Additionally, preschools are required to follow State licensing regulations - which differ from the Santa Cruz City School district. The following link is the latest guidance for childcare facilities in Santa Cruz - [Guidelines - See page 14 for ChildCare Facilities](#).

Social Distancing Strategies

CCP will continue to minimize commingling of the classrooms until further notice. Any special events such as festivals, holiday events, or other preschool social gatherings will require masks if held indoors. When possible, events will be held outside.

Guidelines for the onset of illness (unknown if Covid related)

- If a child or staff has any of the following symptoms at CCP, they will be asked to **go home**:
 - Fever 100.1 or higher or chills
 - Cough
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat

- Diarrhea
- CCP will treat every symptom listed above as a possible risk for COVID-19 (per guidance from the CDC).
- If a child becomes sick during the day. A teacher will remove the child to a designated area and keep the child comfortable until the family can arrive. A second teacher will immediately call the child's family and request an immediate pick-up.
- Employees who have symptoms at the preschool will be immediately separated from other employees and children and be sent home.
- Children or employees who have symptoms while at home should stay home and notify the school.
- A child or employee may return to school after 2-5 days with a negative PCR COVID-19 test result **and no symptoms**.
- If a child or employee has allergies, they may return to preschool with a note from their physician documenting their allergy.
- **Refer to your [parent handbook](#) for guidance regarding illnesses not related to Covid.**

Guidelines for close contact with a person with COVID-19

Per the [CDC](#), close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes without wearing a mask. This usually includes household members, intimate contacts, and caregivers, but can include others.

CCP should be notified if a student or staff member has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19. This will allow CCP to notify classroom families of a possible exposure, allowing families to decide to attend school or not.

You should get tested if you've had close contact with someone who has COVID-19 symptoms or if you have symptoms.

- If you've had close contact with someone who has COVID-19, you should test 3-5 days after your exposure, even if you don't have symptoms. You should also wear a mask indoors in public for 10 days following exposure or until your test result is negative.
- If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should get tested immediately and stay home and away from others.
- If your test result is positive, isolate at home depending on CDC guidance.
- If you are vaccinated and show no symptoms you can test on days 3-5 and can continue your daily routine.

Guidelines if a Child, Employee, or Member of a Child or Employee's household tests positive

If a child, or employee tests positive for COVID-19 and has potentially exposed a classroom, CCP will report the confirmed case to the Santa Cruz County Department of Public Health/CDU and **follow their specific instructions**. Reporting guidelines can be found at the County of Santa Cruz Communicable Disease Unit ([CDU](#)).

- CCP will determine the date of exposure for the child or staff.

- CCP will identify what days the child/staff member attended/worked and who had close contact with the child/staff member after the exposure.
- CCP Directors will notify the CCP school community (including staff) by email and OneCallNow notification by the end of the same day that the school has learned of the exposure.
- Exposed individuals will be required to PCR and antigen test as per guidance provided to CCP from the Santa Cruz County Department of Health. Please contact directors for updated requirements
- CCP Directors reserve the right to close a classroom due to a positive covid test for longer than advised by CDU if it is deemed prudent.
- Doors and windows will be opened to increase air circulation in the area.
- CCP will continue routine cleaning and disinfection.

Health Screening Of Children/Staff

All children and staff are required to be screened for any observable illness, including runny noses, cough and/or respiratory distress, and to confirm temperature below 100.1 °F per CCP school policy. This screening may be done at home or upon arrival at school.

CCP Face Mask Policy

Moving in line with best practices for the health and safety of our community, we will require children to wear masks upon arrival, strongly encourage children (aged 2 and up), and require adults (including staff) to wear masks when in the downstairs preschool building. However, staff may take a mask break when outside and socially distanced. While outside in the play yard or on the covered deck, face masks will be optional for staff and children. We will also encourage children to advocate for when they need a break from wearing their masks so they do not rely on teachers prompting them.

While we will strongly encourage children to wear their masks, however, we will not *force* any child to wear one.

During the Day: Prevention of COVID-19

Staff will continue to clean and disinfect/sanitize toys, tabletops, and highly used areas throughout the day as per CDPH recommendations.

Travel

CCP **will follow** all recommended [travel guidelines](#) for the State of California. **Additionally**, CCP requests all children test for COVID-19 before returning to school (antigen test). CCP requires a **follow-up PCR test between days 3 & 5** of return from travel and that you **provide the office with a copy of the negative test result**. CCP will follow the guidelines for unvaccinated persons when relevant.