

COVID Protocols for the 2023-2024 School Year

We continue to evolve our practices and work with our licensing agency, the Office of the State Superintendent for Education (OSSE), and DC Health to stay informed about changing community Covid levels and best practice recommendations for Early Education/Child Care Centers.

Our goal is to keep classrooms open and keep everyone in the building healthy.

Parents may always choose to keep a child home from school if there is a classroom exposure. However, there will be no virtual instruction at CCPC, nor refunds for days missed due to our exclusion policies. These guidelines are subject to change at any time. We will inform our community promptly of any new policies.

School/Home Communication is Critical

CCPC can most effectively manage community health when we receive accurate and timely information from our families about symptoms, exposures, and positive cases. Please notify the Director by email as soon as possible about these circumstances.

School Inclusion/Exclusion Policy

When to Stay Home

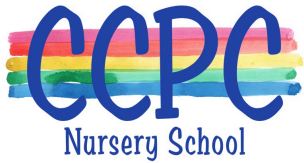
- We ask parents to carefully monitor their child's health and **keep sick children home**.
- A fever always means stay home until the child has been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication.
- Diarrhea/Vomiting always means stay home until the symptom has resolved without the use of medication.
- Teachers who notice signs of illness will alert the office and parents will be notified to pick up their child as needed.

Protocols for Exposures

- The classroom is open. Staff and children can continue to attend school as long as they remain asymptomatic.
- Parents should closely monitor for any Covid symptoms listed below.
- If symptoms appear, please contact the director for further guidance on school attendance.

Protocols for Positive Cases

- The classroom is open. Staff and children can continue to attend school as long as they remain asymptomatic.
- The child who tested positive will stay home from school and isolate for 5 full days from becoming ill or the day of the positive test.
- The date of symptom onset or positive test is counted as Day Zero.
- On day 6, the child who tested positive may return if they had a mild case **and** symptoms are resolving **and** they have cleared the fever requirement.
- The returning child will mask with an KN-95 at school through Day 10. Wearing a well-fitting mask consistently and correctly reduces the risk of spreading the virus that causes Covid-19.
- **Exemption:** Children who have had Covid are exempt from all testing for 90 days following their case onset.



COVID Symptoms - Test-to-Stay 2023-24 School Year

Test-to-Stay COVID Symptom List

These symptoms require a negative COVID test for school inclusion

- Cough
- Congestion/Runny Nose
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Nausea/Vomiting
- Muscle or body aches
- Poor appetite
- New loss of taste or smell
- Any other symptom of not feeling well

Exception to Test-to-Stay

These symptoms require exclusion regardless of testing status

- Fever (subjective or over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit) or chills.
A child may return to school when they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication.
- Diarrhea
A child may return to school when this symptom has resolved without the use of medication.