

# Safety Protocols for Covid-19

## How we are protecting our GCLC families

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### General Daycare Specific Policies:

- **Masks** - Masks are highly recommended by the CDC, but are not mandatory to enter our center.
  - **Children under 2 years old cannot wear masks.**
  - **Children ages 2 years old and older may wear a mask if they choose.**
  - **Children's masks must be taken off during eating, drinking, and naptime.**
  - **GCLC has masks onsite** for any employee/parent/child who needs one.
- **Temperature Check/Screening** - Upon entering GCLC, each person must first have their temperature checked and disclose if the child has had any symptoms of Covid-19 in the last 24 hours, or if anyone in the household has tested COVID-19 positive in the last 20 days, or if the child had a one-time close exposure within the last 10 days. If a fever registers or the person has symptoms of covid-19 or had the above exposures, they will not be allowed entry.

**If any child/teacher has the following symptoms that cannot be explained with a non-Covid-19 diagnosis, children may not return to daycare for 24 hours after the symptom(s) stops without medication:**

- Fever 100 degrees or higher
  - Vomiting
  - Diarrhea (3x or more episodes in one day)
  - Loss of taste/smell
  - Sore Throat
  - *Persistent* cough
  - Shortness of breath
- **Positive Covid-19 alerts** will be posted on each classroom door.
  - **All tours for potential customers are to be done virtually.**

**Reporting** – GCLC will report to the Oakland County Health Department with any confirmed cases of COVID-19.

**Staffing** – Should a teacher call in due to possible covid-19 (or anything), we have 'floating' teachers and directors that can be a substitute. Teachers will not be penalized for staying home when ill from or exposed to Covid-19.

### Child drop-off/pick-up Policies

- **Parents will knock on their classroom door and wait for a teacher.** Teachers will take or deliver the child to the parent, along with any needed belongings. Parents may not enter the classrooms or stand in the open doorway.

- **At drop-off teachers will be doing a visual check of the children** prior to allowing them to enter the classrooms. (They will be looking for flushed cheeks, fatigue, rapid breathing or difficulty breathing).

### **Tuition for Missed Days due to Covid-19:**

- **Children that are directly affected by covid-19** (either the child or a person living in the household is covid-19 positive, or the child was directly exposed to covid-19) will not be charged for any required days quarantined.
- **Children that are *not* required to miss scheduled days** and are choosing to miss days due to a case of covid-19 at GCLC will continue to be charged the normal tuition rate. Vacation days may be used, or days may be swapped out for future dates.
  - **This includes siblings of a quarantined child who's classroom has been closed.** Unless the sibling was directly exposed to covid-19, their spot will continue to remain available to them and they will be charged the daily rate.
    - If the quarantined child actually becomes symptomatic or tests positive for covid-19, then the sibling will also have to quarantine and will not be charged for any further days until the quarantine is over.

### **Quarantine Guidelines (as required by the OCHD):**

- Children who are under 3 ½ years old and have a positive Covid-19 diagnosis, or who have been exposed at school or in the community, may return on the 11<sup>th</sup> day after 10 days of quarantine.
- Children who are 3 ½ and up and are capable of wearing a mask may return on the 6<sup>th</sup> day after a positive Covid-19 diagnosis or exposure to Covid-19. (Assuming they are symptom free 24hrs prior to return).
- **When counting days of quarantine, your first day of symptoms or positive test counts as day “Zero”.**

### **Classroom Specific Policies:**

- Unless completely necessary for staffing purposes, we will be making every attempt to **not merge classrooms, or move children from their own classrooms.**
- Teachers will be **continuously monitoring children for new symptoms.** If any new symptoms arise the parent will be contacted immediately and children will need to be picked up within the hour.
- **Hygiene** – Teachers will immediately assist in washing each child's hands as they enter the classroom. (Preschool/Pre K students will independently wash their hands). Handwashing protocol will continue (upon entering the room for the day, before/after meals, after contact with bodily fluids, after diaper changes, when soiled) and will be encouraged even more frequently. Teachers will continue proper cleaning/disinfecting and will disinfect frequently touched objects more often.