

FAQs

These are some of the most frequently asked questions from our community.

**For more specific information, please see the
“Circle C Child Development Center COVID-19 Protocols.”**

Will The Child Development Center families be notified immediately of suspected, symptomatic or lab confirmed positive cases?

1. Suspected or Symptomatic Case in staff or child:
 - a. Specific classroom will be notified.
 - b. We cannot identify teacher or child by name.
2. Confirmed positive for COVID in staff or child:
 - a. Each classroom will receive a classroom specific letter with a plan of action in accordance with the Austin Public Health recommendations and requirements.

When The Child Development Center learns that an employee or child tests positive for COVID-19, will the school or classroom automatically close?

No, a confirmed positive case does not mean the entire school will close our doors upon confirmation. We operate according to our defined protocols unless directed otherwise by the Travis County Health Department or other governing organizations.

Children and teachers that had close contact with a confirmed positive case in a specific classroom will be required to shelter at home for 14 days (counting from the first day they were exposed) and monitor for symptoms.

If a classroom is closed due to a positive case, will teachers be paid and will we charge tuition?

Teachers will be paid during their shelter at home time and tuition will be due for this period. All 2020-2021 policies (that are listed in the Parent Handbook that all Parents signed at registration) regarding tuition and enrollment, including the withdraw policy/process, will be followed.

Are we mandating testing for all employees and families at The Child Development Center?

We have conferred with a Travis County Health Department Epidemiologist, and she recommends that only individuals who have symptoms or who have been in extended direct contact with someone who is COVID-19 positive should get tested for infection.

Will all staff and children be required to wear masks while in the building, outside and classrooms?

Per the Travis County Health Department Face masks are proving to be highly effective in reducing the spread of COVID-19. When an individual is wearing a mask, the risk of spreading an infection is low. All Staff at The Child Development Center are required to wear a mask anywhere and everywhere in the building and outside.

Will all staff and children be required to socially distance while in the building, outside and in the classrooms?

CDC Staff will be required to socially distance from all other staff (outside of their teaching team) while in the building and outside.

The classroom teaching team and children will be encouraged, to the point it is possible, to socially distance during circle time, center times, lunch, nap, etc. jenj