

2021-2022 School Year - Covid Safety Protocols

Illness Policy

We now know that Covid-19 is transmittable even when mild or no symptoms are present. Therefore, we ask that you take even the slightest sign of illness seriously out of an abundance of caution and keep your child home. TAE must firmly implement the following illness policy by the State of California Department of Social Services regulations.

- Children, adults, and staff may not enter campus if the following signs of illness are present, even if fever free: runny nose, cough, red/watery eyes, diarrhea, vomiting, fever, rash, or stomach pain. To keep your children safe, we will send children home if they come to school with any of the symptoms listed above.
- Children or adults with a temperature above 100 degrees will not be permitted on campus.
- Children who become ill at school will be isolated with a staff member and sent home.
- Children who become ill at school **MUST be picked up within 30 minutes.**
- If a child, family member, or staff member comes into contact with an individual who tests positive for Covid-19, the ECC office must be notified immediately. The child will not be permitted to return to school for 10 days and a negative Covid test. Tuition will not be refunded or credited.
- If a child becomes ill, the child must stay home until fever and symptom free (without medication) for 72 hours.
- Children attending ECC with an underlying health condition must contact Donna Becker dbecker@adatelohim.com to complete a health screening. If you would like to speak with Donna by phone, please include the best number to reach you in the email. A doctor note may be requested.
- If a child is diagnosed with Covid-19, we will be required to report the diagnosis to the Department of Social Services and the Department of Health. They will provide guidelines about next steps.
- If a child or family member reports a Covid-19 exposure or illness to our staff, parents will be notified as soon as possible.

Campus Access

- Campus entry will only be permitted through the main gate and back gate. Both gates lead into the Courtyard.
- Guardians may not enter the inner gates including playground, classrooms, or offices without being cleared by a staff member, unless otherwise arranged.
- The playground will be closed for use before and after school.
- Classroom volunteers and visitors will not be permitted on campus.

Disinfecting and Cleaning

- Children and teachers will wash their hands with soap and water for twenty seconds throughout the day. Hand sanitizer will be used if needed. Please do NOT send sanitizer to school in the children's backpacks.

- Teachers will closely supervise handwashing. Hand washing will be required before and after handling food, before and after restroom usage (including staff who are diapering or assisting in the bathroom), after playing outdoors, and after a sneeze, cough, or blowing of the nose.
- Surfaces and objects that are frequently touched will be cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected daily and routinely including light switches, door handles, and all dispensers (i.e. paper towel, soap).
- Lunch tables and chairs will be sanitized immediately after use.
- Toys will be placed in a “wash me” bin for shared and mouthed toys. Wash me bin toys will be sanitized before reuse.
- Staff will wear gloves when handling food, assisting children with injuries and during illness.
- Each child who naps will be assigned an individual nap mat. The mat will be sanitized after each use and will NOT be shared.

Additional Classroom Protocols

- **Teachers and children over the age of 2 will wear masks at all times while indoors** unless a doctor’s note is on file or if a child cannot take off a mask independently.
- Tables, chairs, cribs, and nap mats will be spaced apart.
- Outdoor time will be encouraged for all classrooms.
- Classroom doors and windows will be opened prior to student arrival and windows will be kept open throughout the day to ventilate the classrooms, weather permitting.
- HEPA filters will be running to circulate and filter the air at all times.

Traveling

- Unvaccinated individuals, including children, who choose to travel domestically should get a Covid-19 test three to five days after travel.
- If the test result is negative, the child must stay home and self-quarantine for a full seven days after travel.
- If a family does not get tested, the family will need to stay home and self-quarantine for ten days after travel.
- If you are not vaccinated, and traveling internationally, follow CDC testing guidelines for international travel before and after your return to the US.
- [Click here](#) for more information.

The above procedures are subject to change based on state and city regulations. Families will be notified of these changes in advance, whenever possible.

Trusted Resources:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC
 CA Department of Health
 Ventura County of Public Health
 Department of Social Services, Child Care Licensing
 Office of Governor Newsom
 Office of Mayor Garcetti

