



## Covid Exposure & Guidance @ W.A.C.C.

W.A.C.C. is on the campus of Walnut Acres Elementary but we are not affiliated with M.D.U.S.D. as such we are mandated by the county health dept and our licensing agency to follow their childcare guidance. I have attached those scenarios and action plans below for full transparency.

If your child is showing any COVID symptoms e.g. fever, cough, loss of taste/smell, or difficulty breathing we will isolate your child to our wellness area and contact a family member to pick up their child and contact their primary care physician.

### **If Your Child Tests Positive:**

If your child tests positive for COVID we ask that you contact us and isolate at home for a minimum of 5 days. On the 5<sup>th</sup> day please retest your child. If your unable to test on day 5 or after, or if repeat test on day 5 remains positive, your child must isolate until they test negative or they must isolate for 10 days. The timeline for returning to the center is as follows:

**With symptoms** you may return after 5 days have passed since the start of symptoms, if your child has tested negative & symptoms are improving with no fever for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medication). We ask that your child wear a mask for an additional 5 days once at the center.

**Without symptoms & a negative test result** you may return after 5 days have passed since the date of the positive COVID test. We again ask that your child wear a mask at the center for an additional 5 days.

**\*PCR tests are acceptable testing tools. \***

### **If Your Child is in Contact with Someone Who Tests Positive:**

If your child has tested positive for COVID when you contact the center, please help identify the children your child had close contact with i.e. who your child was playing with.

Symptoms can develop even after testing negative, so we recommend that you continue to test your child if they are exhibiting symptoms

### **W.A.C.C. Steps of Action to Prevent the Spread of COVID:**

- We take the responsibility of keeping your kids healthy and safe seriously at W.A.C.C. Here are some of the actions that we have taken to keep our environment as safe and healthy as possible.
- We purchased a state-of-the-art ventilation system that is supposed to kill 99.9% percent of the airborne germs within our building.
- We will be asking that all kids now eat their lunch and snacks outdoors in the front grassy area or in the garden.
- We clean and sanitize our tables with soap/water & solution as well as a Hydrogen Peroxide/water solution multiple times a day.
- We have a professional service that comes in each night to sanitize & deep clean the inside of our building.
- At this point the county has deemed masks optional.
- We ask that children who are not feeling well wear a mask while in our care.
- We are requiring that all staff have their COVID vaccination.
- Any time we have an active COVID exposure we contact the county health department to ensure we are taking all the steps necessary for contact tracing.