**COVID- 19 Guidelines for Families**

**As we continue to monitor guidance from Alameda County Public Health Department, California Department of Public Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Community Care Licensing please review the following guidelines for currently enrolled families which allows us to provide and maintain a safe environment for our children and staff.**

**ALL parents must sign a Waiver and Release Form before child (children) are enrolled.**

**Health Screening:**

* Teachers will do a visual wellness check upon arrival.
* If a child presents two or more symptoms, they will be brought to an area of isolation until a parent is able to pick up. The child will not be able to return to the Children’s Center until symptoms are improving for 24 hours, can provide a note from their physician allowing them to return or a negative COVID test (regardless of vaccination status).
* Any child who has a fever of 100 or higher will be excluded from the facility and not able to return to the Children’s Center until they have been fever free for 24 hours without any medication and can provide a negative COVID test or note from their physician allowing them to return (regardless of vaccination status).
* Please refrain from giving children Tylenol as this will affect our ability to assess the child’s health.
* If a sibling is sent home for an illness, we recommend both children to stay home until the child with symptoms has been cleared for group care. It is not required to keep both children home, but observed as best practice to slow the spread of other contagious illnesses.

**COVID testing information:**

* The Children’s Center has approved use of FDA cleared antigen home tests for children of all ages. Please send the Children’s Center a picture of the home test with the child’s name and date of test for our records.

**Quarantine Guidelines for all children:**

* If your child has come into contact with someone that has tested positive for COVID-19, please monitor them closely for symptoms. Children are cleared to continue attending regardless of vaccination status. If a child begins displaying symptoms, please follow the following steps:
  + For fevers 100 or higher, the child will need to be fever free for 24 hours and provide a negative covid test to return.
  + For two or more symptoms, child will need to have improving symptoms, be able to fully participate in the program and provide a negative rapid antigen test each day for 5 days after date of exposure (LLESA CC can provide rapid tests upon request).

**Isolation Guidelines for all children that test positive for COVID-19:**

* If your child has tested positive for COVID-19, please send test results to [rhester@llesacc.org](mailto:rhester@llesacc.org) as soon as possible. Your child will need to complete 5 days of isolation and may return on day 6 if they are testing negative with an at home antigen test (results sent to [rhester@llesacc.org](mailto:rhester@llesacc.org)) and symptoms are improving. We highly recommend completing a ten-day quarantine; however, we will accept a shortened quarantine after a negative test and improving symptoms. Masks are strongly recommended for children over the age of two.
* If you choose to complete a ten-day quarantine and return on day 11, no test is required to return.