



**Illness Policy & Guidelines
April 2022**

Symptom/Diagnosis	When Child will be sent home or excluded	When Child May Return
Body or muscle aches (potential COVID symptom)	If symptoms start while away from CCC, return criteria must be met before attending. If symptoms start at CCC, parents will be notified when staff notice. Child is able to complete their current day and must meet return criteria.	When child has had a negative COVID test administered after symptom onset or 10 days after symptom onset.
Breathing Difficulty (potential COVID symptom)	If symptoms start while away from CCC, return criteria must be met before attending. If symptoms start at CCC, parents will be notified when staff notice. Child is able to complete their current day and must meet return criteria.	When child has had a negative COVID test administered after symptom onset or 10 days after symptom onset.
Chickenpox	When lesions are noticed or present.	When all lesions are dried and crusted. Typically takes 6+ days.
Congestion (potential COVID symptom)	If symptoms start while away from CCC, return criteria must be met before attending. If symptoms start at CCC, parents will be notified when staff notice. Child is able to complete their current day and must meet return criteria.	When child has had a negative COVID test administered after symptom onset or 10 days after symptom onset.
Cough (potential COVID symptom)	If symptoms start while away from CCC, return criteria must be met before attending. If symptoms start at CCC, parents will be notified when staff notice. Child is able to complete their current day and must meet return criteria.	When child has had a negative COVID test administered after symptom onset or 10 days after symptom onset.
Diarrhea (potential COVID symptom)	If symptoms start while away from CCC, return criteria must be met before attending. If symptoms start at CCC, parents will be notified when staff notice. Child is able to complete their current day until 2 occurrences happen.	When child has had a negative COVID test administered after symptom onset and 24 hours symptom free OR 10 days after symptom onset and 24 hours symptom free.
Diaper Rash	If sores are oozing and leak body fluid outside the diaper.	When exclusion criteria is resolved.
Fatigue (potential COVID symptom)	If symptoms start while away from CCC, return criteria must be met before attending. If symptoms start at CCC, parents will be notified when staff	When child has had a negative COVID test administered after

	notice. Child is able to complete their current day and must meet return criteria.	symptom onset or 10 days after symptom onset.
Fever (potential COVID symptom)	When oral fever is 101° or greater or under arm fever is 100° or greater.	When child has had a negative COVID test administered after symptom onset and 24 hours after fever resolves itself without fever reducing medications OR 10 days after symptom onset and 24 hours after fever resolves itself without fever reducing medications.
Hand, Foot & Mouth	When lesions are noticed or present.	When exclusion criteria is resolved.
Headache (potential COVID symptom)	If symptoms start while away from CCC, return criteria must be met before attending. If symptoms start at CCC, parents will be notified when staff notice. Child is able to complete their current day and must meet return criteria.	When child has had a negative COVID test administered after symptom onset or 10 days after symptom onset.
Head Lice	When nits/eggs are noticed or present.	When exclusion criteria is resolved.
Itching	If itching is suspected to be caused by scabies, impetigo or ringworm.	When exclusion criteria is resolved.
Loss of taste or smell (potential COVID symptom)	If symptoms start while away from CCC, return criteria must be met before attending. If symptoms start at CCC, parents will be notified when staff notice. Child is able to complete their current day and must meet return criteria.	When child has had a negative COVID test administered after symptom onset or 10 days after symptom onset.
Mouth Sores	When sores cause drooling.	When exclusion criteria is resolved.
Nausea (potential COVID symptom)	If symptoms start while away from CCC, return criteria must be met before attending. If symptoms start at CCC, parents will be notified when staff notice. Child is able to complete their current day and must meet return criteria.	When child has had a negative COVID test administered after symptom onset or 10 days after symptom onset.
Pink Eye (Conjunctivitis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● When discharge is noticed. ● Pinkish/red swollen or irritated eye. 	When exclusion criteria is resolved.

Rash	When unidentified rash is noticed and is accompanied by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavior change • Fever • Has oozing/open wound 	When exclusion criteria is resolved.
Runny Nose (potential COVID symptom)	If symptoms start while away from CCC, return criteria must be met before attending. If symptoms start at CCC, parents will be notified when staff notice. Child is able to complete their current day and must meet return criteria.	When child has had a negative COVID test administered after symptom onset or 10 days after symptom onset.
Sore Throat (potential COVID symptom)	If symptoms start while away from CCC, return criteria must be met before attending. If symptoms start at CCC, parents will be notified when staff notice. Child is able to complete their current day and must meet return criteria.	When child has had a negative COVID test administered after symptom onset or 10 days after symptom onset.
Strep Throat	If a child has a positive strep culture.	After at least 24 hours of antibiotic medicine.
Vomiting (potential COVID symptom)	If symptoms start while away from CCC, return criteria must be met before attending. If symptoms start at CCC, parents will be notified when staff notice. Child is able to complete their current day until 2 occurrences happen.	When child has had a negative COVID test administered after symptom onset and 24 hours symptom free OR 10 days after symptom onset and 24 hours symptom free.

Additional Exclusion/Inclusion Information:

Children will be excluded:

- If the child is not able to participate in the classroom daily schedule.
- If the child requires more care than the staff is able to provide without compromising the needs of other children in the group.
- If the Director feels as if keeping the child in care poses an increased risk to the child or other children or adults to whom the child comes in contact with.

Children may return:

- If they have a current doctor's note stating the child is not contagious and the child is well enough to attend the center.
- If they have a doctor provide documentation of a chronic condition.