



COVID-19 Policies & Procedures

JCC Early Childhood Education (ECE) follows guidelines by the CDC and Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) for childcare programs. ECE staff closely monitor these guidelines and update them as needed. Any updates will be communicated with families through email.

General Guidelines

- All children and parents will enter the JCC at Door 6 and be given a health screening and temperature check by an ECE staff member. Parents will be asked to remain on-site until their child has been cleared to enter the classroom.
- If a child presents a temperature over 100.4°F, to minimize the risk of contamination you will be asked to return home with your child. This goes for cold/flu as well as COVID-19.
- **For any child sent home due to illness, he/she can return to school after 72 hours, with the last 24 hours being symptom- and medication-free.**
- Only JCC staff and children will be permitted in the ECE North and South Wings.

Please note that all JCC staff will have their temperature checked daily upon arriving to work. Teachers and staff will clean high-touch areas throughout the day, while custodial services will thoroughly clean the ECE Wings every night.

Face Coverings

- Children must wear masks in public indoor areas, i.e. when traveling to/from different areas of the JCC (classrooms are considered private since only ECE staff and children are allowed in the ECE wings, so students may remove their masks while in their classrooms). Staff must wear masks in all indoor areas.



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Grouping Guidelines

- Our **operating hours are 8 am to 5 pm**. Best practices include keeping the same children together in groups to help minimize the potential amount of exposure.
- **Social distancing will be utilized** and no more than 20 children will be grouped together within the classroom and/or area.
- Classroom groupings will be assessed weekly and may be adjusted to meet the needs of the school and ensure we remain compliant with student to teacher ratios.

Testing

- If **any family member is voluntarily tested, regardless of the reason**, or is required to be tested due to employment requirements, ECE Administration **MUST** be contacted prior to the test date and no one in the household will be permitted to return to the JCC campus until a negative test result is received.

Positive or Possible Positive Case Guidelines

- **Any child with a temperature of 100.4°F or more and/or who is exhibiting symptoms** will be denied entry and asked to stay home for at least 72 hours, until he/she is fever-free (without the use of fever reducers) for 24 hours.
- **Any child that has come in close contact with a person with COVID-19** will be prohibited from returning to the JCC campus for a minimum of 14 days.
- ECE Admin will notify families of any open tests of any individuals (staff or families) associated with their child's classroom. Families will be notified when test results are received.



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Positive/Possible Positive Case Guidelines (cont)

- If a **child has symptoms that begin during ECE**, staff will contact his/her parents for early pick-up. The child will stay isolated from other children until a parent/guardian arrives.
- **If there is a confirmed COVID-19 case**, the JCC ECE team will contact the Marion County Health Department (MCHD). Programming will close as determined by MCHD. Families will be communicated with immediately with any further updates.
- **If a positive case of COVID-19 occurs for a child or caregiver, staff and students in the classroom must quarantine for a total of 14 days, starting with when the person last attended ECE.** The 14-day period includes the time spent waiting for test results. In the case of a positive result, ECE will notify parents in the classroom by email and phone that the child in the affected classroom must be picked up immediately. The number of days the classroom will be closed is based on the results received. If the positive case is a staff member or student, ECE will notify all families in the program after the affected classroom has been made aware.
- If there is a positive case in a household, any children from that family will quarantine for 24 days before returning to ECE. This 24-day period ensures that children in the home did not become positive at any time during the positive family member's quarantine.
- All directives given by MCHD will be followed.

