

COVID-19 Addendum

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What is COVID-19 & how is it spread?

COVID-19 is a new respiratory virus that has the potential to cause severe illness and pneumonia in some people. It is spread through the air by coughing & sneezing, and having close personal contact (such as touching or shaking hands, or from touching an object or surface with the virus on it), then touching your mouth, nose or eyes.

GELC COVID-19 Illness Policy

Please keep your child home if he/she has been ill during the night or in the morning and has active symptoms listed below:

Fever - above 100.4 (must be fever free WITHOUT medication for 24 hours before returning and providing a physician's note)

- Persistent coughing - interrupting or interfering with their participation
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Muscle Pain
- Sore Throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea

It is not our intent to allow children who are truly sick to stay at the Center, but it is also not our intent to exclude children who are mildly ill. We rely on parents to make good decisions regarding your child's health, so please do not send your child to the Center if they are sick. A staff member will conduct an initial temperature check, assess and screen your child at drop off before they are allowed to enter the Center.

If your child becomes ill while at the Center and exhibits any of the above mentioned symptoms, the parent(s) will be notified immediately by phone and ask to pick up your child within 1 hour. It is imperative for all parents to provide us with accurate contact and scheduling information, so we can contact you

during the day if needed. The sick child will be removed from the classroom and placed in a safe, isolated area with a designated staff member until the parent arrives to pick them up.

GELC Covid-19 Positive Patient Policy

According to the local Health Department policies, any enrolled student or staff member that test positive for COVID-19, will be required to self- quarantine for a minimum of 14 days and must obtain a negative test result in order to return to the center. All students and staff members that have close contact (closer than 6 ft. of distance for longer than 30 minutes without wearing proper PPE) with the positive patient will also be required to self-quarantine for 14 days. Any enrolled sibling child of a positive patient or of a close contact from another classroom will also be required to self-quarantine for 14 days. Only close contact person that are symptomatic will be required to provide a negative test result before they can return. Asymptomatic close contacts do not have to be tested unless they chose to.

Any classroom that has a positive patient test result, will be closed for quarantine for 14 days and will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized by janitorial staff before reopening to any students or staff members. If there are multiple positive patient test results in various classrooms, the Center will consult with local Health Department officials and the Division of Regulated Childcare to determine if the entire Center would need to temporarily close for quarantine for 14 days.

Any positive patient test results will be communicated to all families immediately along with a direct plan of action with appropriate steps the Center will take to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff members.

GELC Covid-19 Cleaning and Sanitizing Policy/ Staff Training Requirement

All GELC staff members are required to complete a new, mandatory training on cleaning, sanitizing, health and safety procedures, and mandatory reporting requirements prior to the date of reopening.

The Center has created a cleaning and sanitizing plan outlining additional cleaning and sanitizing requirements from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for childcare during a pandemic.

Questions/Concerns?

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please contact our office at 502-427-4352.

Addendum Acknowledgement of COVID-19 Policies

I, _____, have reviewed the Grace Early Learning Center Parent Handbook Addendum COVID-19 Policies that is located at www.graceearlylearningcenter.com. I understand that the contents of this addendum give me reasonable expectation of how the Center is operating under their pandemic guidelines and I should speak with the Director or Assistant Director if I have any questions about the Center policies and procedures. In acknowledging these policies, I understand the expectations of the Center and agree to comply with all requirements associated with COVID-19 illness, prevention and treatment that may be associated.

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