

# Siblings & Co. Families

## Covid Exposure: What do we do?

This is an everchanging situation so all policies below are subject to change.  
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In most cases, Siblings & Co. is not determining when a child can return or if they can attend or not attend. Any and all situations below are determined by the Health Department, so please keep that in mind as you go through.

### I. Family Member Tests Positive

If a family member tests positive: The Health Dept. will advise the household to quarantine. Contact your director. If a child is required to quarantine because of a positive in the household, tuition will not be due until the quarantine is over or a max of 10 business days. Whichever comes first. We will need proof of a positive test to grant the tuition being waived.

**New info:** A positive in the household can require a longer quarantine for those in the household who do not get tested or test negative. However, we will cap the tuition waivers at 10 days even if the quarantine is longer.

#### Documentation Required:

1. Positive test result from the household member to waive tuition.
2. Release letter from the health department stating the child is free of quarantine.

### II. Child Enrolled Tests Positive

Inform the center asap so we can try to determine close contacts. If the child or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19, he or she is not to return to the childcare facility until ALL four of the following are met:

- o Individual is free from fever without the use of fever-reducing medications for at least 24 hours.
- o Individual's symptoms, including cough, have improved.
- o It has been at least 10 days since the onset of the individual's illness.
- o Clearance from the health department stating quarantine has ended

As of now, the policy for exclusion due to fevers is the typical 24 hours and 101 temp. It could possibly return to the Covid Policy of 72 hours and 100.4 but we will let you know.

Tuition for the positive child will not be due until they have been cleared from the Health Dept. If this is in the middle of the week, it will be prorated.

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### III. How Will We Determine Close Contacts from a Positive in the Classroom?

**New info:** If a child tests positive, it's possible that the entire room will not have to quarantine. For older classrooms, we will create pods each week and will do our best to keep the same children together during structured time. This will allow us to provide a more accurate close contact list to the HD. We will alert all families each time there is a positive in their child's room and if your child is not listed as a close contact but you wish to quarantine your, please speak with your director.

If your child is determined a close contact, the Health Department will confirm the length of the quarantine and it determined of the last exposure date to the positive case. Tuition for the close contacts will also be waived for the amount of time the Health Dept dictates.

### IV. Close Contact: Not exposed from Siblings & Co.

If a child had close contact with someone outside of Siblings and Co. and is required to quarantine.

**New Info:** There will no longer be a tuition waiver for this scenario.

**Exception:** If a child is quarantined due to someone in the household being positive, their tuition will be waived until the child is cleared from the Health Dept. (Refer to # 1)

### V. Essential Workers

Siblings & Co. staff members are deemed as essential workers. This means they can continue to work if they are determined a close contact and cooperate with additional safety measures per the Health Department. The staff member will be assigned cautiously and must also not be showing any symptoms. That goes for vaccinated or unvaccinated staff.

Additional Measures for Unvaccinated Staff:

- **Screen at the Workplace:** Conduct temperature screening, prior to each work shift. Ideally, screening should happen before the individual enters the facility.
- **Regularly monitor:** As long as the employee doesn't have a fever or symptoms, they should self-monitor under the supervision of their director.
- **Wear a cloth mask:** Ensure all employees wear a cloth mask.
- **Social Distance:** Employee should stay at least 6 feet apart from others and practice social distancing as work duties permit in the workplace.
- **Clean and disinfect workspaces:** Clean and disinfect all areas such as offices, bathrooms, common areas, shared equipment routinely.

### VI. Symptomatic Children

If the child has symptoms of COVID-19 and it is determined by a medical provider that the individual likely does not have a COVID-19 infection, the child can return to the center if the following is met:

- No fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications (fever is temperature greater than 101.1 ear or 100.1 under the arm/forehead)
- Provide a Negative test for COVID-19 or;
- A note from a medical provider documenting no clinical suspicion of COVID-19 infection

The director may send a child home at their discretion due to a possible illness. Regular tuition applies unless they test positive and then refer to #2.

## VII. Family Member/Child Awaiting a Test Result

The doctor or Health Dept. will advise the family to stay home until results are given. Let your director know the situation and regular tuition will be due, but if it is determined that the test is positive, refer to #1 or #2.

## VIII. Tuition Due

As you all know, tuition is the same each week throughout the year even if a child is not present due to illness. During this situation, we will continue waivers in many situations and eliminate in others. If the situation arises where a family must quarantine in the middle of the week or can return in the middle of the week, tuition will be prorated for the days in care. The prorate will be weekly tuition divided by 5 for a daily rate.

## IX. Communication

We will alert families of any positive cases in children or staff in attendance. This will be posted in the building like other illnesses but we will also send out a message on Himama. If your child is a close contact, you will receive a separate message via Himama and if we do not hear from you within an hour, we will call to confirm.

## X. Documentation

With any quarantines or positive results, we will need documentation from the Health Department for tuition waiver and release from quarantine.

Health Dept # During Business Hours: 594-2723

Health Department COVID Hotline (After Business Hours) 833-217-9525

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