

## Updated as of May 29, 2020

The health and well-being of our families and staff are our highest priorities. In the interest of limiting the opportunity for transmission to our FEELC community, we are taking the following precautionary measures and recommend these as best practice guidelines for all age groups.

### **COVID-19 Policy**

If an individual has (or anyone that is in close contact with that individual has):

- (a) A suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 (for example – close contact at school, work, religious service, social gathering); **or**
- (b) Traveled:
  - internationally;
  - domestically, from any area which is the subject of travel restrictions under applicable state and local guidance.

This individual must remain out of the center or facility for 14 days after the last potential exposure, the individual may return **provided these three things have happened:**

- (a) At least 10 days have passed since the individual and any household member first experienced symptoms; **and**
- (b) Symptoms have improved for all of the individual's household members that experienced symptoms (for example, cough or shortness of breath has improved); **and**
- (c) The individual's household has been fever-free for at least 3 days without the use of fever reducing medicines.

**HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS:** include individuals who may not live in the household but may be staying there or are otherwise present in the household on a regular basis (e.g. nannies, caregivers, home health workers, contractors, etc.) and includes anyone with pick up or drop off privileges at the center.

**CLOSE CONTACT:** is defined by the CDC as (1) being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time and can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a health care waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case, or (2) having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on). Considerations when assessing close contact include the duration of exposure and the clinical symptoms of the person with COVID-19.

### **Health Check and Illness Policy - COVID 19**

Applies to staff, children and their household members, which states in part: **ALL STAFF, FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND THEIR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS MUST CONDUCT A DAILY HEALTH CHECK BEFORE COMING TO THE CENTER.**

Should you or any household member have any of the following symptoms, we ask you to remain out that day and notify the center.

- Fever of 100.4 F or higher, now or in the preceding 3 days

- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Muscle Aches
- Difficulty Breathing

Consistent with our COVID-19 Policy, the household will be required to remain out of the center for 14 days unless medical clearance is provided by a physician indicating that the presenting symptoms are associated with a known non-COVID-19 illness. The physician's note must not be from a family member.

Exclusion from the center is sometimes necessary to reduce the transmission of illness. For your child's comfort, and to reduce the risk of contagion, we ask that children be picked up within 1.0 hour of notification. Until then, your child will be kept comfortable and will continue to be observed for symptoms.

### **Cloth Face Covering:**

We recommend that all caregivers and families be familiar with the CDC's recommendations around cloth face coverings available [<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>]. The CDC generally recommends individuals wearing cloth face coverings to protect people around the wearer of the cloth face mask, in the event the wearer is infected but not symptomatic, to reduce the spread of COVID-19. **Note:** This guidance does not apply to children 2 or under, or to those who are advised not to wear a face covering for other health reasons. Cloth face coverings are NOT a substitute for social distancing, hand washing or other everyday preventative actions.

### **Helpful information from the Division of Child Developments Website**

<https://files.nc.gov/ncdhhs/documents/files/covid-19/C19-PatientGuidance-3.23.20-FINAL--003-.pdf>

### **How will FEELC respond to a Case of Covid-19**

FEELC will work in coordination with Durham County Health Department, a DHHS licensing consultant, and the EPA in the event of a Covid-19 positive case in a classroom or in our FEELC community. FEELC may need to temporarily dismiss school for 2-5 days, if a student or staff member attended school before being confirmed as having COVID-19. This initial short-term dismissal allows time for the local health officials to gain a better understanding of the COVID-19 situation impacting the school and for custodial staff to clean and disinfect the affected facilities. We will work with the local health officials to determine appropriate next steps, including whether an extended dismissal duration is needed to stop or slow further spread of COVID-19.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-schools.html>