

COVID-19 Management Plan

Clackamas County Children’s Commission will base its COVID-19 mitigation strategies on the level of COVID-19 in Clackamas County as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This plan allows the agency to increase and decrease precautions as necessary.

*Strategies to be used in the High level have options and allow for flexibility to consider the current COVID-19 landscape, symptom profile of current COVID-19 variant, and latest guidance.

Mitigation strategy	Low level	Medium level	High level*
Providing services	Operating in-person center-based and home-based	Operating in-person center-based and home-based May consider moving in-person gatherings to virtual setting if a center is highly affected	Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit the number of staff on-site in an equitable way • Move in-person gatherings (meetings/trainings/family gatherings/end of year celebrations, etc.) to virtual setting • Consider temporary virtual learning and home visiting services
Daily health checks	Follow Daily Health Check Policy & Procedure; can be done at drop off at classroom	Follow Daily Health Check Policy & Procedure; can be done at drop off at classroom	Follow Daily Health Check Policy & Procedure; done at drop off at designated entry. Possibly re-implement screening questions.

Illness exclusion	Updated illness exclusion for children and staff (updated July 2022)	Updated illness exclusion for children and staff (updated July 2022)	Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People must be symptom-free except for symptoms attributed to diagnosed health condition • If a person has a certain symptom(s), add in COVID testing/doctor's note/exclusion for a specific time • Follow updated Early Learning Division guidance
Follow up on primary COVID-19 symptoms	Pause Early Learning Division guidance due to the lack of capacity to monitor	Pause Early Learning Division guidance due to the lack of capacity to monitor	Consider guidance from Early Learning Division
COVID-19 Testing	Recommended not required Distribute at-home tests from community partners	Recommended not required Distribute at-home tests from community partners	Recommended not required Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute at-home tests from community partners • Purchase at-home tests to provide to families/staff
Quarantine	Follow Oregon Health Authority/Clackamas County Public Health guidance	Follow Oregon Health Authority/Clackamas County Public Health guidance	Follow Oregon Health Authority/Clackamas County Public Health guidance Recommend child with household exposure quarantine

			for 5 days to monitor for symptoms
Contact tracing	Follow Oregon Health Authority/Clackamas County Public Health guidance	Follow Oregon Health Authority/Clackamas County Public Health guidance	Follow Oregon Health Authority/Clackamas County Public Health guidance
Isolation	Follow Oregon Health Authority/Clackamas County Public Health guidance	Follow Oregon Health Authority/Clackamas County Public Health guidance	Follow Oregon Health Authority/Clackamas County Public Health guidance
Masking and PPE Anyone with COVID-19 must mask according to isolation guidance regardless of community level.	Masks are recommended PPE for staff may include surgical, KN95, N95.	Masks are recommended PPE for staff may include surgical, KN95, N95.	Masks are required indoors (for everyone 2 and older) at all times except for when napping, eating, or drinking. PPE for staff may include KN95 or N95.
Ventilation	Open classroom windows when it's safe. Run classroom air purifiers and replace filters as needed.	Open classroom windows when it's safe. Run classroom air purifiers and replace filters as needed.	Open classroom windows when it's safe. Run classroom air purifiers and replace filters as needed.
Handwashing	Follow Handwashing Policy & Procedure	Follow Handwashing Policy & Procedure	Follow Handwashing Policy & Procedure Enhance hand hygiene by handwashing or using hand sanitizer when children enter the classroom

Cleaning/ Disinfecting/ Sanitizing	Follow relevant policy & procedure	Follow relevant policy & procedure	Follow relevant policy & procedure Enhance cleaning such as disinfecting spray between classes
Physical distancing	Parents may drop off/pick up from the classroom	Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents may drop off/pick up from the classroom • Parents may drop off/pick up from the classroom one at a time 	Drop off/pick up at designated entry to limit crowding in the classroom
Cohorting	Not needed	Not needed	Limit interactions between cohorts as much as possible. If cohorts need to mix, it's best to mix outside. Recommend minimizing staff contact with multiple cohorts.
Education on preventing COVID-19 to staff and families	Not needed	Communication to staff and families if a center is experiencing high numbers of COVID-19 cases/ respiratory illness	Increased communication to staff and families. Ex: All Staff meetings/emails
COVID-19 vaccination	COVID-19 vaccination or weekly testing for those with a vaccine exemption is part of the Office of Head Start's Interim Final Rule. It's currently under review and subject to change.	COVID-19 vaccination or weekly testing for those with a vaccine exemption is part of the Office of Head Start's Interim Final Rule. It's currently under review and subject to change.	COVID-19 vaccination or weekly testing for those with a vaccine exemption is part of the Office of Head Start's Interim Final Rule. It's currently under review and subject to change.

Meal service	Serve meals “family style” meaning children serve themselves from shared plates/bowls	Serve meals “family style” meaning children serve themselves from shared plates/bowls	Serve meals “restaurant style” meaning food is plated for the child by a staff member. Or consider other recommendations from CACFP or Early Learning Division.
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Other operational changes during “high” level:

- Temporarily suspend group toothbrushing and shift to 1:1 brushing at the sink
- Temporarily suspend non-essential visitors in classrooms