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UNF PRESCHOOL COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Policy for lab tested positive case

The following policy was formulated based on DCF and CDC current guidance. The policy is intended to outline COVID-19 procedures for the UNF Preschool if a lab tested positive case is identified at the center.

Pursuant to the UNF Preschool's policies for enhanced health and safety precautions during the COVID-19 Pandemic, if a lab tested positive case is confirmed at the center:

Cases of COVID-19

- Once a case of COVID-19 (a person with a positive PCR or antigen laboratory result, regardless of symptoms) is identified among the UNF Preschool attendees or staff, director will identify all close contacts associated with the facility who had exposure to the case during the infectious period.
- The director will contact UNF Student Health Department, local Health Department and UNF Environmental Health Department for guidance.
- All UNF Preschool families will be notified. However, due to confidentiality protocol, families will not be informed of who has tested positive, just which classroom.

A case is typically considered to be infectious from 48 hours before symptoms first appeared (or date of first positive laboratory test for people without symptoms) up to 10 days later. A close contact is any individual who was within 6 feet of the case for more than 15 minutes or had contact with the case's body fluids and/or secretions, for example, being coughed or sneezed on, sharing of a drink or food utensils. Childcare providers should notify parents and other relevant contacts of the exposure.

- In addition, the facility will temporarily close the areas where the COVID-19 case was to disinfect.
- If the sick child or adult is evaluated by a medical provider, tests negative by PCR for SARS-CoV-2 and is not a known close contact to a case of COVID-19, then they can return 24 hours after resolution of fever and other symptoms.

Return to Child Care Cases of COVID-19

May be allowed to return to the facility after meeting the following criteria:

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared and
- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and
- Symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved for cases of COVID-19 who were never symptomatic, they should be allowed to return after at least 10 days have passed since the date of their positive lab test.

Please note that based on the recommendation from a healthcare professional, persons with severe illness or patients who are severely immunocompromised may need to be isolated for 20 days.

- Close contacts to cases of COVID-19 may be allowed to return after 14 days have passed from their last date of exposure to the case if they have remained symptom free.
- For close contacts who develop symptoms within the 14 days, they should seek medical care and testing. If their COVID-19 test is negative, then they can return to work after 14 days have passed since their last exposure to the case and if their symptoms have resolved. If their test is positive, they will be considered a case of COVID-19 and should follow the guidance for cases as stated above.

This policy was developed directly from DCF Guidance for Child Care Providers 8/11/2020

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/FLDCF/2020/08/12/file_attachments/1516602/Child%20Care%20Provider%20Guidance%208-11-2020.pdf

Additional information on CDC recommendation regarding COVID-19 may be found on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>

UNF COVID-19 Policy can be found at: https://www.unf.edu/president/policies_regulations/01-General/1_0180P.aspx