# **All Saints Child Care COVID Policy**

#### **Updated January 21, 2022**



In accordance with best practice guidance from our Public Health Nurse, MDH, and CDC, All Saints Child Care is implementing these policies for isolation and quarantine. We understand that the majority of our children are unable to be vaccinated and cannot reliably and consistently wear a mask without assistance.

#### Guidance for someone who tests positive for COVID-19 Child:

- If someone in the program tests positive, regardless of vaccination status, they are to ISOLATE for 10 days. Day <u>zero</u> is the day your symptoms started or the day of your positive test. Day <u>one</u> is the first full day after your symptoms started.
- Please report the case immediately to the Director.
- Child can return to school on Day 11 as long as they have been fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication AND their symptoms are improving.
- A negative test is not required.

#### Close Contact—Household members:

- A child must be home during a positive household member's isolation period of 5 days. The child's quarantine period will start on the day after the household member's isolation ends.
- 5 days of isolation + 10 days of quarantine for a total of 15 days. Child may return to care on day 16.
- The presence of a negative test does not cancel out the need to quarantine.
- Extended isolation and quarantine are warranted due to the continued re-exposure that occurs within a home. The positive person is most contagious 2 days before onset of symptoms and 2 – 3 days after. The positive household member continues to expose others in the household for their first five days of illness, therefore household member quarantine cannot begin until day 6.
- Test immediately if experiencing symptoms.
- Test on day 5 even if your child isn't showing symptoms.
- If any other household members test positive during this time period, the quarantine period starts over from the date of their positive test.
- If your child tests positive during this time, they will be required to be quarantined for 10 days and may return on day 11 as long as they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication AND their symptoms are improving.
- If your child is experiencing symptoms but is not tested, they will be required to remain out of care for 15 days.
- Children 5 years and older who are fully vaccinated or who have had COVID-19 in the past three months and are not experiencing symptoms do not have to be guarantined but MUST be able to wear a well fitting mask at all times for 10 days.

## Close Contact One-Time Exposure (school, sports, birthday party)\*\*:

To determine if you had a close contact exposure, count back 2 days from the positive person's symptom onset or the positive test date.

- You may choose from the following options:
  - 1. QUARANTINE for 10 days. (Best practice for unvaccinated people who cannot successfully wear a well fitting mask without assistance.)
  - 2. QUARANTINE for 7 days, do a PCR test on day 5. If negative and no symptoms, they may return on the 8<sup>th</sup> day and mask at all times until day 10.

### If Your Child is Showing Symptoms:

If a child, family member, or staff member is experiencing one common symptom, two or more less common symptoms, or any symptom after a close contact:

- We will continue to follow the second path on the MDH <u>Decision Tree</u>.
- If a child is home or sent home with symptoms, siblings must also be excluded until
  the child with symptoms is tested (and negative) or an alternative diagnosis is
  received.
- If the child, staff, or family member is fully vaccinated or has had COVID in the previous 90 days, this doesn't apply.

## **Tuition Discounts as a Result of School Closures:**

Our policy is to have families pay in full for the first 10 days of a classroom closure. We offer a 50% reduction in tuition for days 11-20, and a 75% reduction in tuition for any days over 20.