

St. John's SEED Exposure Control Plan for COVID-19



This plan is to communicate the procedures to be used during the present COVID-19 pandemic.

This plan will continue to be fluid as we navigate through the various changes of this situation. The staff and SEED Board will monitor State and Federal guidelines concerning COVID-19.

St. John's SEED is committed, as always, to provide a safe, loving and hygienic environment for our families. Extra measures are being taken to educate our staff on proper procedures as directed by the CDC, DHEC and DSS. These procedures include all areas of the classrooms, gym and playground.

Daily Health Assessment for Staff and Students

Staff and students will have their temperature checked upon arrival. You will be asked a brief series of health questions. Anyone with a fever or exhibiting respiratory issues, will not be allowed to stay.

Drop Off Procedures

At the present time, we are limiting foot traffic in the SEED hallway. It is required that everyone use carline for drop-off and pick-up.

Carline is from 8:15-8:30am. After the child has passed the health assessment, a SEED teacher will walk your child directly to their classroom. We require each child to wear a mask upon exiting their vehicle. Your child will be expected to wear the mask in the hallway to their classroom where they will wash their hands at their classroom sink, and then they may remove their mask. Your child's mask will be stored in their cubby. Your child will wear their mask for dismissal. The teachers will disinfect their hands after having contact with each child.

In the event you arrive after the carline is over, you will be required to walk your child in. Enter on Chesterfield or Newberry Street. All adults and children entering the building will be required to wear a mask while in the hallway. Please bring your child to the office for their health assessment and after approval a SEED teacher will walk your child to their room.

Pick Up Procedures

Dismissal carline is from 11:45am-12:00pm. A SEED teacher will walk your child directly to their car. The teachers will disinfect their hands after having contact with each child. 5K dismissal is from 12:20-12:30pm following the same procedures.

If you need to pick up your child early, please come to the SEED office for assistance.

Hygiene Practices

- All children's hands will be washed upon arrival and throughout the day
- Children will have their own supplies (i.e. crayons, scissors, paints, markers etc.)
- Social distancing will be encouraged as feasible per age group
- Children will not be required to wear facial coverings while in the classroom
- The children will wear their mask while in the hallway going to the gym or chapel
- Teachers will wear facial coverings as feasible

Disinfecting

Cleaning and disinfecting efforts:

- Intense routine cleaning
- Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and objects that are frequently touched
- Industrial strength disinfecting atomizer will be used daily in all classrooms and SEED areas
- Cleaning surfaces with DSS required bleach solution as well as utilizing dishwasher for toy cleaning

Additional Safety Precautions

The heating/air-conditioning units draw in outside air for circulation.

At present all large gatherings are cancelled. (i.e. programs, school wide functions)

Symptomatic Children/Staff/Families

Children or staff with symptoms of COVID-19

Children and staff should be excluded from childcare if they have:

- Any one (1) of the following with or without fever:
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing – or-
 - Loss of taste or smell – or-
 - New or worsening cough

If these symptoms are explainable by an underlying condition (such as shortness of breath for an individual with asthma) exclusion may not be necessary.

This is not a complete list of all symptoms of COVID-19, but only those that should trigger an automatic exclusion for COVID-19. Other symptoms may include: chills, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea and/or other symptoms in concurrence with current DHEC guidelines. Many COVID-19 cases show no symptoms at all, and a person is able to spread the virus up to two (2) days before they have any symptoms.

Given the overlap of these symptoms with other more common illnesses and the lack of symptoms in many cases, it is not possible to identify and exclude all cases of COVID-19 through screening of symptoms. Careful preventive actions and planning within the child care are needed to reduce the chances of spread.

SEED will inform all families of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the facility, while using extreme care to insure the privacy of the individual.

Quarantine

Some children or staff may have been told they were a close contact to a case of COVID-19 outside of the child care facility and have to complete a quarantine period. This means they will be required to stay home so they do not risk exposing others to COVID-19 if they become sick. For children, a parents' note that they have been cleared from quarantine may be used to allow return to child care. CDC provides guidance on appropriately counting the quarantine period for different scenarios.

- Household contact: If the child or staff member lives in the same household as a person contagious with COVID-19, they will have to quarantine an additional fourteen (14) days after the date their household member has been cleared from their isolation period.
- Other close contact: If a child or staff member has been told they are a close contact to a case of COVID-19, they will need to quarantine until 14 days after the last contact with the case.
- Other household member in quarantine: If the child or staff member lives in the same household as someone in quarantine (i.e. exposed to someone with COVID-19 and is monitoring to determine if they may become contagious with it), they will not necessarily need to quarantine themselves unless the household member in quarantine is determined to become contagious with COVID-19.
- Those with COVID-19 who recovered: If a student or staff member is a lab confirmed case of COVID-19 by PCR (nose or throat swab), they do not need to quarantine again after close contact to someone with COVID-19 in the first three (3) months after recovering but will for any close contact that happens after that three (3) month period beginning the date the test was collected.
 - o The person must provide either a note from a healthcare provider that they had the positive lab result dated in the past three (3) months or provide a paper or electronic copy of the results (SARS-CoV-2 RNA – Detected or Positive)

o A positive antibody results (SARS-CoV-2 IgG or IgM) or any other lab test is not sufficient to meet this criteria to defer quarantine. They must quarantine according to the current guidelines.

Note: No actions are necessary within the facility to respond to a child or staff member who has been told to quarantine unless that individual is later determined to be a case and was contagious while they were in the facility. They may be tested during their quarantine period but must complete the full quarantine even if they test negative.

Return to Child Care Facility

Advise sick staff members and parents of sick children not to return until they have met criteria for return.

- Children or staff excluded for these symptoms should not return until they have either tested negative for COVID-19 or a medical evaluation determines that their symptoms were more likely due to another cause (e.g. sore throat due to strep throat). In this later case, the individual can return when they meet criteria for that condition. A doctor's written clearance is required to return to school.

Return to Child Care Facility Cont.

- Children or staff that require testing for COVID-19 will require a negative PCR (mouth or throat swab) test or similar rapid test that directly detects the virus or must complete the current isolation criteria for COVID-19 to return to childcare.

- Children and staff who test positive for COVID-19 and persons with symptoms of COVID-19 (see list above) who do not get tested, should isolate until: Ten (10) days have passed since symptoms started - and – Three (3) days (72 hours) have passed since last fever without taking medicine to reduce fever - and - Overall improvement in symptoms.

- Those who test positive by a PCR (mouth or throat swab) test or similar rapid testing but do not have symptoms will be required to stay out of child care until ten (10) days after the specimen was collected.

- The criteria above should be used to determine eligibility to return to child care. Negative tests results are not required.

Closure of Aiken County Public Schools

We will continue to follow Aiken County Public School for inclement weather. SEED will set its own program policy for closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Continuity of Education

2K - 4K will have take home packets in two week intervals

5K – ZOOM classes (distance learning on iPad)

While we all want a “normal” SEED school experience, we understand that adjustments must be made. We hope these policies and procedures will help ease anxiety while we continue to use precautions with the children in our program. If you have an immediate need and are unsure of the next steps, please do not hesitate to give us a call so we can help you. **We will monitor current guidelines and will let you know of any change. Thank you for your patience. We look forward to providing your family with the love and care we have at St. John’s SEED.**