



CHUMS COVID Response Policy *(Effective January 2024)*

The health and wellness of our School Family is taken very seriously. We work very hard to provide a clean and healthy environment for all our children and staff. CHUMS follows the most recent CDC guidelines regarding what to do if you suspect or have verified your child has COVID.

CHUMS Standard Response:

- If a child is positive for COVID or has symptoms consistent with COVID, please keep them home.
- If a parent/caregiver or sibling is positive for COVID, please keep your child home.
- Should CHUMS need to close a classroom to help stop the spread of COVID, please keep siblings attending CHUMS home as well.
- CHUMS does require a child who has COVID to test negative prior to returning to school or have a note from their doctor stating they may safely return.

CHUMS is required to report all COVID cases to the San Antonio Metro Health Department. If the Health Department provides additional guidance or restrictive measures, CHUMS will amend the standard response to include the Health Department's recommendations.

Per Child Care Regulation, affected classrooms will always be notified of a communicable illness.

Please contact the School Office should you have any questions.

What to do when your child might have COVID-19?

DAY 0

Child is **sick with symptoms consistent with COVID-19** or has a **positive COVID-19 test**.

DAYS 1–5

Child stays home and **isolates** away from other people to the extent possible.

DAY 6

****Is the child fever-free for 24 hours *without the use of fever-reducing medication?***

AND

Is the child **free of symptoms** or **have symptoms improved?**

AND

Is the child 2 years of age or older and **able to consistently wear a mask** in the ECE program? **OR** did the child have **two negative antigen tests 48 hours apart?**

- **YES:** [Return to CHUMS](#)
- **NO:** Continue to days 6–10

DAYS 6–10

It is **safest** to continue isolation until the end of day 10 ⁽¹¹⁾.

- For children who have symptoms, continue isolation until the child is **fever-free** for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and other symptoms have improved.
- If you are testing your child, a child who has **two negative antigen tests 48 hours apart** can return to the ECE program without needing to wear a mask.

AFTER DAY 10

[Return to the ECE program](#). For children who were severely ill, or whose fever persists past day 10, or who continue to test positive using an antigen test, consult a healthcare professional before returning to the ECE program.