

Note: The Edison Early Learning Policies may differ from those of PA DOH/CDC guidelines. PA-HAN 615 is the minimum recommendations for child care/school guidance. Facilities may opt to exceed these recommendations. Due to the high level of community spread of the COVID-19 virus and its variants we feel it is imperative for us to follow the guidelines below in order to keep our younger unvaccinated children healthy. Our goal is to keep our programs running with as little disruption as possible.

Parent Health & Safety Reminders

- Be sure to answer all health screener questions at check-in on Brightwheel honestly
- Students must be free of illness symptoms to attend school
- Students must remain out of school if waiting on test results (any type COVID, strep, RSV, etc.)
- Students must remain out of school if a household member is waiting on test results
- Students must remain out if a household member has illness symptoms aligned with COVID-19
- Students must remain out if they test positive for COVID-19 or are considered a close contact (see return criteria below)
- All parents must report illness symptoms to the director or assistant director
- All parents must report positive student case or positive household member case
- Student must remain out of school until symptom free if diagnosed with any illness
- If a student is sick with an illness other than COVID or is sent home with illness symptoms, a doctor's note is required to return. If symptoms are aligned with COVID-19 a negative test result is required to return. NO TESTING OR NO NOTE = 14 day quarantine and symptoms must be symptom free

NOTE: PARENTS IN VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE EDISON POLICIES, OR THOSE GUIDELINES LISTED BELOW, WILL KINDLY BE ASKED TO WITHDRAW THEIR CHILD FROM OUR PROGRAM. NO ADVANCED NOTICE WILL BE GIVEN.

Quarantine- (definition)

An individual must quarantine when they have been in close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19. The goal is to keep you away from others until you know if you have or will develop the COVID-19 virus.

CLOSE CONTACT:

My child is a close contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19, what do I do?

Step 1: Notify Edison of the date the contact occurred

Step 2: Stay home & out of school

Step 3: Eligible to test 5 days after exposure date

Step 4: If negative testing is documented and provided, the student may return 10 days from the exposure date. The child must have been symptom free for the entire 10 days. If symptoms are observed a second test is required. Students must wear a mask the remaining 4 days while at school and eat/nap at least 6 feet from other students when the mask is not worn.

NO TESTING- If the student is not tested for COVID-19 on or after day 5, a 14 day quarantine is required.

Exceptions/Restrictions:

*Kindergarteners may return 7 days after the exposure date, if he/she tested negative on day 5. Reasoning- these older students do not nap which means masks remain on all day and their desks are 3 feet apart.

*Fully vaccinated children (0-6 months from vaccination date) do not need to quarantine, but a test on day 5 is required. He/she may attend school unless illness symptoms develop or the student tests positive.

*Students under the age of 3 or those not able to properly wear a mask consistently throughout the day must remain out 14 days from exposure date.

Classroom Close Contact:

Our center has been lucky in the fact that since the pandemic began, we have not seen COVID-19 spread within our classrooms. Our goal is to keep our pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students in school learning as much as possible. With this in mind, classroom close contact situations will be viewed differently than outside close contacts. This will only come into play when the child was wearing a mask consistently throughout the date, as it is unlikely the virus was transmitted.

Masked students (over age 3 and those who can properly wear a mask consistently) will be able to return to school upon receipt of a negative COVID-19 test, the test must be completed 5 days from the last exposure date and result in a negative test. "Home test" will not be accepted. Students must wear a mask for 14 days after the exposure date or longer depending on current center masking requirements.

Please note if the positive classmate was in attendance on multiple days, within the infectious period, the entire class may require testing even if children were not considered to be “close contacts”. This is to ensure classroom spread did not occur.

Edison will do its very best to provide distance learning via Zoom platform or learning packets for the 5 day period in which testing is taking place.

Unmasked students will be omitted from care for a period of 10 days. It is strongly recommended the student is tested 5 days after exposure. Students must have been symptom free of illness for the entire 10 days or submit a negative test to return.

Household Close Contact:

***Reminder- students are not permitted in school when a family member is awaiting test results.**

Step 1: Notify Edison of the date the household member tested positive

Step 2: Quarantine- stay home & out of school

Step 3: Student should be tested on day 5 & day 10 of quarantine

Step 4: If negative testing is documented and provided, the student may return 15 days from the exposure date. The child must have been symptom free for the entire 15 days. If symptoms are observed a second test is required. Students must wear a mask the remaining 4 days while at school and eat/nap at least 6 feet from other students when the mask is not worn.

*If the student is vaccinated (and able to wear a mask properly & consistently) and exposed to a household contact, the student may return if testing negative on day 10. Documentation must be given prior to return date. Upon return, the student must wear a mask for 14 days after the last negative test date or longer depending on current center masking requirements. This guidance is above CDC/PA DOH guidelines, however we must take into consideration most of our students are young and therefore can not isolate themselves from caregivers/family members.

Isolation- (definition)

An individual must be isolated if he/she is sick with COVID-19 symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19 with or without symptoms.

POSITIVE CHILD:

My Child tested positive for COVID-19, what do I do?

Step 1: Notify Edison of the date the child tested positive

Step 2: Provide testing information to Ms. Dawn via email

Step 3: Return date will be given. No additional testing is required.

Positive student must remain out for 10 days from the test date and be fever free for 48 hours. All illness symptoms have improved. Unmasked students must remain out for 14 days from the positive test date.

*Edison students who have been in “close contact” with the positive classmate will be notified. The above CLASSROOM CLOSE CONTACT steps will then proceed.

