

IVYCREST MONTESSORI COVID PROTOCOLS

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HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES

Children ages 2 and above that exhibit a temperature of 100.0 degrees or higher and/or flu-like symptoms at school may return 24 hours after their fever breaks and/or symptoms subside (without the assistance of medication). However, a negative, home, rapid test must be presented upon return to school.

Children below age 2 that exhibit a temperature of 100.0 degrees or higher may return 24 hours after the fever breaks without the assistance of medication. Children below age 2 that exhibit flu-like symptoms may return 48 hours after the symptoms subside. No COVID test or doctor's note is required for return.

If you have a sibling enrolled at IvyCrest as well, the sibling(s) of the ill child may continue to attend school provided the sibling(s) do not have any flu-like symptoms and there are no confirmed COVID cases in their household.

Masks for students and staff are optional. If you plan to continue sending your child to school with a mask and would like our teachers to encourage its use, please let your child's teacher know. If there is a confirmed COVID case in a classroom, we will pivot back to masks being required for children ages 2 and above for a period of 5 days. Further instructions surrounding COVID testing will be sent as needed.

TRAVEL POLICY

Any international travelers coming to the US by air or sea, must quarantine for 3 days upon return to the US. A negative, home, rapid test must be presented on the day of return to school. Children under 2 years of age must present a negative, home, rapid test of their parents who accompanied them during the travel period. (No test is required for children under age 2).

No quarantine is necessary after international travel by land or any domestic travel, however, we do ask for a negative, home, rapid test must be presented on the day of return to school. Children under 2 years of age must present a negative, home, rapid test of their parents who accompanied them during the travel period. (No test is required for children under age 2).

LUNCH & SNACK PROTOCOLS

Handwashing is required before and after every meal period.

Drinks are not provided by IvyCrest, therefore, please send a refillable water bottle daily.

All tables will be sanitized with a bleach/water solution after each meal.

CLASSROOM GUIDELINES

Classroom materials will be cleaned daily, and high touch items/surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized more frequently with a bleach/water solution.

EXPOSURE CHART

Exposure includes both home and school environments.

Exposed Students (Ages 0-2)

Due to the vulnerable nature of this age group, coupled with their inability to wear a face covering, any child who is exposed to COVID-19 will be sent home immediately.

IvyCrest Directors will contact you regarding the appropriate testing window based on exposure. As there are no rapid tests available for those under age 2, we will require a negative PCR test result for re-entry.

IvyCrest siblings must follow the same protocols as the exposed student, however, if they are over 2 years old, they may follow the exposed student protocol for ages 2+.

*For Room 1 at the Fullerton Campus: In the event of multiple (3 or more) exposures, we will temporarily close the classroom.

Exposed Students (Ages 2+)

The exposed student may continue to attend school for in-person instruction during the duration of his or her quarantine period if the following conditions are met:

- The exposed student is asymptomatic; AND
- The exposed student must appropriately wear a well-fitting face covering for a period of 5 days*; **AND**
- The exposed student undergoes rapid testing at least twice during his or her quarantine period of 5 days; **AND**

5 Day Quarantine Required: If an exposed unvaccinated student is unable to test or chooses not to test, they shall isolate for 5 days after the exposure. Any student may discontinue isolation at 5 days regardless of repeat testing results.

If a child had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days (meaning you tested positive using a viral test), then they are exempt from further testing unless you are showing symptoms.

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Exposed
Students
(Ages 2+)
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*If your child is not capable of wearing a well-fitting face mask, Directors will notify you that we recommend keeping your child home for 5 days after exposure.

*Day 0 is the day of exposure.

IvyCrest siblings must follow the same protocols as the exposed student.

COVID POSITIVE CASES

An infected person can transmit SARS-COV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, starting 48 hours (2 days) before they have symptoms or before they were tested.

If you tested positive for COVID-19 (Ages 0-2)

For COVID-19 positive students under age 2, children must stay home for 5 days and have a doctor's clearance to return. If you cannot obtain clearance to return from your doctor, your child must continue to quarantine until 7 days from symptoms onset or positive test result.

IvyCrest siblings must follow the same protocol as the Covid positive student.

If you or anyone in your household tested positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status

Stay home and isolate yourself from others in your home.

IvyCrest siblings must follow the same protocol as the Covid positive student.

Wear a well-fitted mask if you must be around others in your home.

*Day 0 is your first day of symptoms or a positive viral test. Day 1 is the first full day after your symptoms developed or your test specimen was collected.

Ending isolation if you had symptoms:

*End isolation if you are fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and your symptoms are improving. You must provide a negative rapid test within 12 hours of returning to school.

Ending isolation if you did NOT have symptoms:

*End isolation as soon as you receive a negative test result, are symptom-free, and no one in your household is COVID-19 positive. You must provide a negative rapid test within 12 hours of returning to school.