

LASER Fall Full-Day Care Guidelines and Protocols

LASER Childcare will operate full-day care during Fall Quarter with strict guidelines listed below.

- LASER will post COVID-19 signs at the entrance and exit.
- All staff and children will have regular health checks (bodily temperature and respiratory symptom screening) upon arrival and before leaving the site. Checks will be given during the program if children/staff are experiencing fever or any symptoms related to COVID-19. This information will be documented on a daily basis.
- Any equipment used for the daily health checks will either be disposed or disinfected in between each usage and at the end of the day. Staff handling the equipment will wear gloves while working with this equipment.
- In keeping with the state mandate and Department of Health guidelines, all LASER staff and children will wear a mask while indoor and outdoor spaces, except:
Those with a disability that prevents them from comfortably wearing or removing a face covering.
 - Those with certain respiratory conditions or trouble breathing.
 - Those who are deaf or hard of hearing and use facial and mouth movements as part of communication.
 - Those advised by a medical, legal, or behavioral health professional that wearing a face covering may pose a risk to that person.
- If staff or children are running a fever of 100° F [37.8° C] or greater, have a cough, and/or difficulty breathing, or other COVID-19 symptoms, they will be sent home and told to contact their healthcare provider. They can return to the program when:
 - At least 10 days after symptom onset AND 1 day (24 hours) being free of symptoms (without the use of fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medicines, e.g. cough suppressants).
 - OR, It has been at least 24 hours since recovery AND a health care professional provides a note that the student does not have suspected or confirmed COVID-19 (or a NEGATIVE test result) and may return to care.
- If a staff or child who has only a single symptom (from list below) that lasts less than 24 hours, a person may return to child care the next day without having to be tested* for COVID-19 if they:
 1. have no known exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case **AND**
 2. have only one of the following symptoms that begins and resolves within a 24-hour period:
 - Headache
 - Muscle pain or body aches
 - Sore throat
 - Fatigue
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting (2 or more in 24 hours)
 - Diarrhea (2 or more loose stool in 24 hours)
- Example: A child is sent home from child care at 10:00 AM on Monday for a sore throat. Child has no other symptoms. Child wakes up on Tuesday with no sore throat or other symptoms. Child can return to child care that day.

- If staff are sick, having symptoms, or are running a fever (100° F [37.8° C] or greater), or tested positive for COVID-19, they need to notify their supervisor immediately.
- Social distancing requirements (described as keeping at least 6 feet away from others), will be implemented at all times and during all activities, meetings, etc. The foreseeable exception is when staff are conducting the thermometer check. If there is an emergency situation where a staff needs to be in a close proximity with a student, e.g. students running away, students bleeding, etc., the Site Director can make an exemption to this rule for the safety of the students.
- There will be no more than 22 people in each room, including staff and students.
- Staff are not allowed to have any physical contact with one another or with the students. Student are not allowed to have any physical contact with one another. Examples include high fives, fist bumps, handshakes, hugs, etc.
- All employees are required to maintain excellent personal hygiene habits, such as washing hands repeatedly, and avoiding touching one's face, eyes, and mouth. Staff will instruct students to follow the same guidelines.
- We strongly recommend staff to change into different clothes between work and home to reduce the opportunity of germs to move between places.
- Parents are not allowed in the rooms for drop off and pick up. They need to stay outside of the building and notify staff of their arrival by ringing the bell or knocking on the door. The drop off/pick up sheet will be signed by a LASER Counselor. Our plan for curbside drop off and pick up limits direct contact between parents and staff members and adhere to social distancing recommendation.
- Since we are serving a small population, we don't anticipate the drop off and pick up times will be a challenge. However, if we see the need, we will consider staggering drop off times and pick up times.
- No visitors are allowed in the rooms during LASER operation times. School custodian and staff are not excluded unless there is an emergency situation decided by the Site Director.
- Staff are required to notify their Supervisor if they have traveled to a CDC reported restricted areas (please reach out to us if you need a list of CDC reported restricted areas) and if they had contact with an COVID-19 infected person to stay home and self-quarantine.
- Staff are required to notify their Supervisor if they have been in contact or are caring for someone exposed to the Coronavirus.
- In the event there is a confirmed COVID-19 case among staff or children, LASER will contact the CDC or state and local health department immediately. LASER will inform employees and parents about the confirmed case, without disclosing the name of the infected and without disclosing confidential medical information of the infected. All people who closely interacted with the infected will be asked to contact their healthcare provider, stay home for 14 days, complete a COVID-19 test if possible. Based on the situation, LASER might consider closing temporarily. LASER will wait as long as practical (preferably up to 24 hours) before beginning cleaning and disinfecting areas used by the person infected with COVID-19. This will help reduce the potential for exposure to respiratory droplets. Here are more detailed guidelines: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/communicable-diseases/disease-control/novel-coronavirus/childcare/positive-cases.aspx>

Guidelines are not limited to the above and can be expanded/revised at the discretion of the Executive Director.