

COVID 19 Symptom, Exposure, and Positive Test Result Protocol

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COVID-19 Symptoms

Any child or staff member experiencing one or more of the following symptoms may not enter the building:

Fever (subjective or 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit) or chills, Cough, Runny Nose or Congestion, Sore throat, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Diarrhea, Nausea or vomiting, Fatigue, Headache, Muscle or body aches, Poor feeding or poor appetite, New loss of taste or smell, Or any other symptom of not feeling well.

Exposure to COVID-19

If a child or staff member learns that they have been in close contact* with **any** COVID-19 positive individual, they must notify the Head of School, Stephanie Sarvana by calling (520) 237-3211 or sending an email to stephanie@toddlersonthehill.org. ToTH will send a Health Alert via text message to the classroom community reporting the exposure. Please see the "Return to Child Care" decision tree, Scenario 5, for next steps.

Positive COVID-19 Result Protocol

If a child, staff member, or household member of the community receives a positive COVID-19 test result, the parents or staff member must notify Stephanie Sarvana immediately by calling (520) 237-3211. ToTH will send a **health alert via text message** to the entire ToTH community reporting the positive result. We will share as much detail as we can about the nature of the exposure and next steps; we will not identify the positive individual by name.

- The COVID positive individual may return to ToTH based on the following OSSE return to care criteria:
 - If symptomatic: 24 hours after fever has resolved and symptoms have improved AND 10 days after symptoms first appeared, whichever is later.
 - If asymptomatic: 10 days from the date of the positive test result.
- **If the positive individual is a student or staff member:**
 - ToTH will immediately close the classroom/cohort associated with the COVID-19 positive individual to allow time for testing of staff and students.
 - ToTH will immediately submit an Unusual Incident Report to OSSE and notify DC Health. DC Health will respond within 24 hours to begin an investigation and provide further directions for quarantine of affected individuals.
 - **Parents should expect that all students in the classroom will be identified as close contacts and be required to quarantine for a period of at least 10 days from the last day the positive individual was at school.** This may not be the case for all students in the Primary classroom as masking is more consistent.
 - ToTH will send the teachers in that classroom and any other staff members who were in contact with the infected individual for COVID testing (to be scheduled within 24 hours of receiving notification).
 - ToTH will ask parents in the affected cohort to have their children tested for COVID-19.
 - An online learning schedule will be distributed and Zoom sessions will begin after teachers have had 24 hrs. to obtain COVID tests.
 - ToTH will initiate a deep cleaning and disinfection of all areas and items used by the COVID-19 positive individual within the past 7 days.
- **If the positive individual is a close contact of a student or staff member:**
 - **Child:** The child will not be allowed to attend school and will need to follow the criteria in the "Return to Child Care" decision tree, step 5. ToTH will require that the child in the affected household be tested.
 - If the result is negative, the child must still quarantine for a minimum of 10 days from the last exposure to the COVID-19 individual.
 - **Staff member:** A fully vaccinated staff member may return to work (per DC Health criteria) but will be asked to test.
 - ToTH will notify the classroom community that there is a student or staff member who is a close contact of someone with a positive case of Covid-19.
 - ToTH will follow up to announce the test results. If the child or staff member tests positive, we will initiate the **Positive Result Protocol**.

*** Close contact is defined by the Centers for Disease Control as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic clients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.**