



COVID-19 SPRING 2022 POLICY

The health and well-being of our families and staff are our highest priorities. In the interest of limiting the transmission of COVID-19, we are taking the following precautionary measures. We have developed the following resource for your easy reference to our current COVID-19 guidance. By signing the last page of this document, you hereby acknowledge and agree to follow the procedures regarding re-opening policies. Please review, sign, and return to the Center upon first day of arrival. Links and more information can be found at <https://www.siu.edu/early-childhood-center/enrollment/faq.shtml> under "Health Concerns".

According to the SIUE and CDC safety guidelines and policies, your household must remain out of the center if any member of your household has:

- a) A suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19
- b) A close contact exposure without full vaccination
 - A close contact exposure is defined as living in the same house as a case, being an intimate partner of a case, being a caregiver of a case, or being within 6 feet of a case for longer than 15 minutes.
 - Per CDC guidelines, people who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they have been fully vaccinated against the disease and show no symptoms. ([Updated July 29, 2021](#))
- c) Does not pass the daily health check
- d) Potentially exposed through domestic or international travel

DAILY HEALTH CHECK

All staff, families, children and their household members must conduct a Daily Health Check **BEFORE** coming to the Center. Should you or any household member have any of the following symptoms, we ask you to remain out that day and notify the center.

- Fever (100.4 degrees or above) or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Consistent with our COVID-19 Policy, the household will be required to remain out of the center for 7 days, with a negative PCR covid test, unless **medical clearance is provided by a physician** indicating that the presenting symptoms are associated with a known non-COVID-19 illness. The physician's note must be from the child's pediatrician (or for family members, a physician note must come from a physician outside of the family). If a physician confirms that your child is ill with a non-COVID-19 illness, they may return to the center when they have been **symptom free for 24 hours without medication** as per our regular school illness policy.

Household Members- Includes individuals who may not live in the household but may be staying there or are otherwise present in the household on a regular basis (e.g. nannies, caregivers, home health workers, etc.) and includes anyone with pick up or drop off privileges at the center.

TEMPERATURE SCREENING

ALL STAFF AND CHILDREN WILL BE SCREENED PRIOR TO ENTERING THE CENTER AND AT ANY PRESENTATION OF SYMPTOMS. **An ECC office staff member will administer a temperature screening each morning beginning at 7:30am. Children need to arrive by 9am every morning.**

- Staff and children will be screened using the following methods:
 - Visual inspection for signs of infection which could include flushed cheeks, fussiness, lethargy, cough, etc.
 - Temperature will be taken daily
- If your child becomes sick at school, they will be isolated from the group and kept comfortable until they are picked up. **All sick children must be picked up within 30 minutes of notification.** Please ensure emergency forms are consistent with this guideline.

DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ([Updated on April 27, 2021](#))

- These guidelines apply to ECC households as well as all staff and student employees caring for ECC children. **As there are no current child-related guidelines, children must follow the guidelines for UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS.**
- Per [SIUE guidelines](#), we are changing the map used to assess COVID-19 transmission risk. **SIUE and the ECC will no longer be using the Harvard COVID Risk Level Map but instead use the [CDC Domestic COVID Data Tracker](#) and [CDC International Travel Recommendations](#) maps.**
- Per the CDC, adults are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.
- There are no recommended guidelines for ECC children from SIUE or CDC at this time. Therefore, **ECC children will follow the guidelines for unvaccinated individuals, regardless of the vaccination status of any adult(s) within their household.** For example, if a child's parent takes them on a domestic trip to a location designated by the CDC as having a high risk of community transmission of COVID-19, the child will follow the guidelines for unvaccinated domestic travelers regardless of the vaccination status of any adult(s) in the household.
- **If an isolation or quarantine is required there will be no refund on those days missed. As stated in the ECC family handbook, refunds are not provided due to illness. Each child is billed for the entirety of the term, not for the individual days attended.**

If you ARE fully vaccinated

Domestic:

- Individuals who have been vaccinated do NOT need to be tested or self-quarantine after domestic travel before returning to the ECC ([Updated SIUE Policy](#))
 - **This applies even if the travel is to a "red zone" on the [CDC COVID maps](#).**
- Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.
- Follow other CDC guidelines for before and during travel, including wearing masks, social distancing, and increased hand washing or sanitization.

International:

- You need to continue to follow CDC's recommendations for traveling safely and **get tested 3-5 days after travel** and arriving home
- Please **do not return to the ECC until you receive negative test results**
- Follow other CDC guidelines for before and during travel, including wearing masks, social distancing, and increased hand washing or sanitization.

If you ARE NOT fully vaccinated (children/families fall under this category at this time)

Domestic and International:

Individuals who travel and utilize shared transportation like airlines, buses, trains, taxis, and rideshares **AND/OR** travel to a county with a high level of transmission ("red zone")* as identified by the [CDC Domestic COVID Data Tracker](#) are expected to:

- **Stay away from the ECC upon return for 10 days after travel** or
- Get tested with a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test 3-5 days after travel **AND** stay home for 7 days after travel, even if the child or adult tests negative.
 - **Even if you test negative, please stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days.**
 - If your test is positive, isolate yourself to protect others from getting infected.
- **If you don't get tested, please stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.**
- Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.
- Follow other CDC guidelines for before and during travel, including wearing masks, social distancing, and increased hand washing or sanitization.

If the county of destination is identified by the [CDC Domestic COVID Data Tracker](#) is **not a red zone** and is orange, yellow, or blue zone during the entire time of travel, then the household is welcome to return to the ECC upon arrival back home if no public transport is used including airlines, buses, trains, taxis, and rideshares. Please be mindful of checking for COVID-19 symptoms and other illnesses.

**If the county turns into a red zone at any point while your household is there, please adhere to these guidelines.*

International:

- **CDC recommends delaying international travel until you are fully vaccinated.**
- If you do travel internationally without being fully vaccinated, please abide by the guidelines above for Domestic Travel.
- Follow other CDC guidelines for before and during travel, including wearing masks, social distancing, and increased hand washing or sanitization.

Travel Recommendations Quick Reference

Provided by the [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) website and in accordance with SIUE's policy

Individuals who travel and utilize shared transportation like airlines, buses, trains, taxis, and rideshares **AND/OR** travel to a county with a high level of transmission ("red zone") must follow these requirements* as identified by the [CDC Domestic COVID Data Tracker](https://www.cdc.gov/covid/data-tracker/)

Domestic Travel Recommendations and Requirements	Not Vaccinated	<u>Fully Vaccinated</u>
Get tested 1-3 days before travel	Yes	
Get tested 3-5 days after travel and self-quarantine for 7 days. Self-quarantine for 10 days if you don't get tested.	Yes	
Self-monitor for symptoms	Yes	Yes
Wear a mask and take other precautions during travel	Yes	
International Travel Recommendations and Requirements	Not Vaccinated	<u>Fully Vaccinated</u>
Get tested 1-3 days before traveling out of the US	Yes	
Mandatory test required before flying to US	Yes	Yes
Get tested 3-5 days after travel	Yes	Yes
Self-quarantine after travel for 7 days with a negative test or 10 days without test	Yes	
Self-monitor for symptoms	Yes	Yes
Wear a mask and take other precautions during travel	Yes	Yes

SUMMARY OF ENHANCED PROTOCOLS

We are continually updating our processes and protocols in accordance with the most recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance and the recommendations of medical experts.

At our center, you will notice:

- Daily health check** for staff and children before entering the center.
- Nonessential visitors** are not allowed into the center.
- Drop-offs/pick-ups** taking place outside the lobby area, with children escorted to their classroom.
- Hygiene/handwashing** emphasized throughout the day.
- Masks** worn by staff and children over 2 years inside the building, when feasible.
- Social distancing being practiced** as much as possible, including at meal and nap times.
- Removal** of classroom toys, materials, and items that are difficult to clean.
- Frequent cleaning and disinfecting** of high touch surfaces and toys.
- Increased time spent outside.**

Please keep the Covid-19 Policy and sign and return the portion below

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Please sign below and return to the office acknowledging your understanding of the updated policy:

Staff Name: _____ Date: _____

Or

Child(ren) Name(s): _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Parent(s) Signature(s): _____ Date: _____