

BEREA COLLEGE CHILD DEVELOPMENT LABORATORY

Policy for Operating during the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Notes for Parents/Guardians:

Given uncertainties surrounding the novel coronavirus, its variants, transmission, and how different persons are affected by the virus, there can be no assurances about the ultimate health and safety of any environment, including the CDL. This is especially true, given the numbers of different children, parents, families, administrators, and staff involved in and interacting with our program. Despite the concerted efforts of CDL staff, there will be a risk of infection in any communal gathering, however small, which involves close contact between teachers and children as well as their parents and families. For those parents who choose to enroll their children with the CDL, please be assured of our continuing commitment to the health and safety of your children. **Your compliance with the following mandatory policies and procedures is essential in safeguarding the health of the entire CDL community. Parents ASSUME ALL RISKS relating to: (i) the possible contraction of COVID-19 by their child(ren), themselves or a family member, and (ii) using the CDL, other than the center's compliance with Division of Regulated Child Care (DRCC) regulations and the CDL's continuing obligation of ordinary care.**

General Procedures

Classrooms at the CDL will function as Pods. Pods at the CDL consist of two adjoining classrooms who share bathrooms and outdoor times. Each classroom within a pod, to the fullest extent possible, will consist of the same group of children and teachers each day.

All parents/guardians, staff, labor students and all other adults must always wear a mask when inside the CDL, including during drop-off and pick-up times. Parents are welcome to enter the classroom when dropping off or picking up their child. To the extent possible, the CDL seeks to resume and continue family involvement activities. All adults must wear masks during family involvement activities, and all children ages 2 and up must also wear masks during family involvement activities.

Child Mask Mandate:

The CDL will require children 2 and up to wear a mask, subject to the following:

- Children under 24 months of age shall not wear masks in childcare settings.
- Children of any age shall not wear masks during nap time.
- All adults and children over the age of two shall be required to wear a mask, unless there is a documented health reason (including a disability) that would put the individual at risk from wearing the mask.
- Children and adults may remove their masks when outdoors if practicing social distancing.
- Masks shall be worn to the best developmental ability of the child.

Child Daily Health Screening:

Each day, prior to dropping off your child, parents and guardians must complete the child daily health screening through the Tadpoles App.

Child Illness (non-Covid related):

If your child becomes ill while at the CDL, the child’s parent/guardian will be notified and asked to pick up the child. The child must be picked up from the CDL within 30 minutes of notification. Children, unable to attend the CDL due to any illness other than COVID, may return once the child is symptom and fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication OR the child may return to the CDL once they have a signed, written statement from their physician stating the child is not contagious and the date they are able to return to childcare. If the child is not contagious and is able to return to care, yet still has symptoms, the physician must state on the note what symptoms the child may have and for how long the child will have symptoms.

Covid Related Illness and Exposure:

Adults/Children may not enter or remain at the CDL if they or anyone in their household has ANY of the following symptoms or circumstances and are strongly encouraged, but not required to get tested for COVID:

- Fever (temperature of 100.4 or higher)
- Sore throat
- Uncontrollable Cough that causes difficulty breathing or sleeping
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever
- Vomiting or stomach-ache
- Diarrhea (3 loose BMs in a 24-hr. period)

Your child may return after the household member is symptom and fever free for 24 hours.

If your child tests positive for COVID, notify CDL administration as soon as possible. Your child will need to quarantine for 7 days from onset of symptoms or the date of the positive test result if asymptomatic. Day 0 begins with the onset of symptoms or the positive test date if asymptomatic. Your child may return to the CDL on Day 8, symptom free. If your child continues to have symptoms after Day 7, they will need to complete a 10-day quarantine and may return to the CDL on Day 11.

If your child is a close contact with a positive case in the classroom, your child will need to quarantine for 5 days from the last day of contact with the positive case. Day 0 begins with the last day of contact with the positive case. Your child may return to the CDL on Day 6, symptom free. If your child develops symptoms after Day 5, COVID testing is strongly recommended, but not required. In the case of a positive result, Day 0 of quarantine would be the day your child’s symptoms started.

If your child is a close contact of a positive Covid case in the home, and your child can isolate from the positive case (i.e. sleep in separate rooms, use different bathrooms or clean the bathroom before and after each use, not be in common areas at the same time), then their 5-day quarantine would start after the last day of contact with the positive case being day 0. Your child may return to the CDL on Day 6, symptom-free.

If your child is a close contact of a positive Covid case in the home, and your child cannot isolate from the positive case (i.e. sleep in separate rooms, use different bathrooms or clean the bathroom before and after each use, not be in common areas at the same time), then your child's 5-day quarantine would not start until after the positive case's infection period ends (i.e. 10 days or 24 hours symptom-free without medication). Your child may return to the CDL on Day 6, symptom-free.

- ❖ **Refer to the policy on general child illness if your child is within 90 days of testing positive for COVID.**

Siblings:

In the event one child in the household is positive or a close contact of COVID, siblings may not attend the CDL until the child who is positive or considered a close contact of COVID has ended their quarantine. Upon return, all children must be symptom free.

Classroom Closures:

In lieu of mandatory classroom closures for positive COVID cases, the Kentucky Division of Regulated Child Care (DRCC) is now providing options that include the possibility of closures but also "proceeding with caution" to determine if more proactive measures are needed. Going forward, CDL's administration will consider each positive case at the CDL on a case-by case basis with twin goals of continuing service and promoting health and safety. These determinations will be made in consultation with the Madison County Health Department and officials at Berea College.

Staff & Labor Students:

- All CDL staff are required to follow ***COVID-19 Policies for Berea College Employees REVISED Monday, February 7, 2022***. The link to the policy is below:
<https://4efrxppj37l1sgsbr1ye6idr-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/covid-19/wp-content/uploads/sites/160/2021/08/COVID-19-Policies-for-Berea-College-Employees-Revised-02.07.2022.pdf>
- All staff and labor students must complete a daily health screening prior to starting work for the day.

The CDL will notify enrolled families and staff of a confirmed, diagnosed case of COVID-19 in the program, while endeavoring to protect the privacy of the diagnosed individual.