

COVID-19 Policies, Fautleroy Children's Center (revised September, 2021)

Drop-Off and Pick-Up

- Children will be dropped off and picked up outside of classrooms. For younger classes, please sign your child in and out at the table inside the main hallway doors. For the school aged classes, please sign your children in and out using the table and QR code nearest your classroom.
- Please sign children in and out using the Brightwheel App. When picking up children from the playground use the QR Code attached to the light pole (for children on playgrounds by the parking lot) or presented to you by your child's classroom teacher. FCC teachers CANNOT sign your child(ren) out as we are not responsible for our children when they leave our premises.
- Parents should wear cloth masks at drop off and pick up.

Daily Screening and Temperature Check

- Staff will ask each parent or guardian dropping off if the child or a household member has any of the following since the last time the child was in care:
 - A fever of 100.4°F, chills or higher or a sense of having a fever?
 - A cough?
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
 - A sore throat?
 - Chills or repeated shaking with chills?
 - Headache?
 - Muscle aches?
 - Recent loss of taste or smell?
 - Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea?
 - Congestion/running nose – not related to seasonal allergies?
 - Unusual fatigue?
 - Does anyone in your household have any of the above signs right now?
 - Has your child been close with anyone suspected or confirmed with COVID-19?
 - Has your child had any medication to reduce a fever before coming to care?
- If the answer to all of the above questions is “no”, teachers will take the child's temperature and check the child for signs of being sick, such as flushed cheeks, tiredness, and extreme fussiness. The temperature at drop-off will be logged in Brightwheel and is visible to both parents and administrative staff.

Travel

FCC is asking families to be aware of CDC travel guidelines during the COVID pandemic, if traveling outside of WA State we ask that all non-vaccinated children be COVID tested 3-5 days after returning home and present a negative test result to the administrative staff before rejoining their classes.

Social Distancing

- Classes will stay together throughout the day. We will not combine groups at opening and closing.
- Teachers and all children are required to wear a mask throughout the day
- Starting Sept. 8th breaks are no longer done by just one AM person and one PM person
- Three teachers are now responsible for AM breaks and two teachers PM breaks
- Break teachers follow the same schedule every day so we are adding only one new person to a classroom pod.
- If a classroom is inside break teachers follow our COVID -practice of minimizing direct contact with children unless required for the safety/care of those children.
- We have placed many breaks during outside playtime to support the classroom pods

Teachers will:

- Increase the distance between children during table work.

- Plan many activities that do not need close physical contact.
- Reduce time standing in lines.
- Go outside more often.
- Increase space between nap mats, up to 3 feet where possible. (updated 5/21 on guidance change from CDC & King County Health)
- Open windows often to allow for more fresh air to enter the program space.

Outside Play

- FCC has divided its playground into several areas with temporary barriers.
- Classes will have an assigned area where they will play within their classroom that changes throughout the week.
- Children and adults will always wash hands right after outdoor play time.
- Children will clean their hands with a wet wipe and then use hand sanitizer before eating outside.
- Staff will clean, sanitize and disinfect any item that a child coughs or sneezes on, puts near their mouth, or otherwise potentially infects with bodily fluids using the three-step process described later in this policy.

Meals and Snack Time

- Teachers will space children as far apart as they can at the table.
- Teachers will clean and sanitize tables before and after each group eats as usual, using the three-step cleaning process (Clean with soap water, rinse, disinfect with bleach solution left sitting on surface for 1 minute)
- Family style meal service will be temporarily suspended. Teachers will handle utensils and serve food.
- Children will wash their hands before serving themselves water

New Protocol starting Sept. 2021

- Infant, Waddler, and Toddler classroom teachers will continue to eat alongside the children without a mask but with the addition of a face shield
- Staff in Preschool-School Aged rooms will eat at the same time as their students, but sitting in their own space at least six feet away from the children and (during meals) will wear their mask whenever closer than 6 ft. All other times staff will be masked.

Hygiene Practices

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Children and adults will wash hands:
 - When arriving at the center
 - When entering the classroom
 - Before meals or snacks
 - After outside time
 - After going to the bathroom
 - Before and after diaper changes
 - After nose blowing or sneezing
 - Before leaving to go home
- Children, families, and staff should avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth, with unwashed hands.
- Cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Clean hands with soap and water.
- Change the child's clothing if the child's bodily fluids are on the clothing.
- Place soiled clothing in a plastic bag until it is washed.
- Children will not bring toys or other items from home at this time (excepting nap items which will be sent home weekly to be laundered).
- Nap mats will be cleaned and sanitized regularly.

Air Filtration

Stand alone, business grade air purifiers have been added to classrooms to mitigate the risk associated with the lack of forced air flow and filtration.

- To provide a well-ventilated area each classroom has HEPA Filters from Medify (rated for 1,100 sq. ft).
- Filters should not be touched by other faculty members and should always be treated like potentially infectious bodily fluids when handled.
- From Sept. 20th open at least 1 window 3-6" each morning in classrooms. Additional windows will be opened if the outside temperature is above 60 degrees.
- Once the building heat is turned on we will open as many windows as we are able to keep the room temperature above 63 degrees.
- Check filters every three months to monitor for effectiveness given open windows.

Masks

- All children (aged 2 and over) and adults in the center will wear masks (with some exceptions for children who cannot remove their masks themselves or have a documented medical accommodation on file).
- Families should send clean masks with their child each day.
- Masks will be changed if they get dirty or wet and placed in a sealable container or bag to be brought home for laundering.
- Masks will not be worn during snacks, meals and nap time.
- Classrooms will have a plan in place to safely provide mask breaks for children who need them to support their learning as determined by the classroom teachers.
- Masks will be sent home daily to be washed with soap and dried between uses.
- Masks are not required outdoors, regardless of vaccination status
 - FCC will provide hanging mask holders for each class which have separate slots for each student's mask. These will be attached to the wall next to one of the playground doors.

Sending Children Home When They are Sick

Students experiencing one or more cold and flu symptoms will be sent home. Parents are asked to pick up their child within an hour of being notified by FCC personnel and expected to provide a copy of a negative COVID test to the office before returning their child to care. In addition, we ask that parents keep children home until symptoms are markedly improved to help limit the spread of the illness to other children in the classroom. Children who have received a negative COVID test and are experiencing symptoms (runny nose, coughing, fatigue) that teachers feel are compromising the health of other children in the class or getting in the way of learning may still be sent home.

If children, staff, or parents develop signs of COVID-19

- If a child develops COVID-19 symptoms (see list on page 1) while at the facility, the child's parents or guardians will be called to come pick up their child. Parents are expected to pick up their child within an hour of being contacted.
- Teachers will reach out to admin if they need assistance with ratios while attending to a sick child
- Any items touched by the child will be cleaned and sanitized immediately after the child is picked up by the attending teacher.
- The person with symptoms should follow King County DOH guidance for what to do if you have symptoms for COVID-19 and have not been around anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19. If signs persist or get worse, call a health care provider for more guidance.
- Families and staff members will inform FCC right away if they or their child is diagnosed with COVID-19 or if they have been in close contact with an individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- If a child or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, all members of the infected child's or adult's classroom is considered to have been in close contact and will be required to stay out of the center for 14 days and will be advised to self-quarantine for the same.

- Refer to “What to do if you were potentially exposed to someone with confirmed coronavirus disease (COVID-19)?” Returning to a program after suspected signs of COVID-19, close contact with a confirmed case, or a positive case of COVID-19

For ill persons without known exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case

- If testing for COVID-19 is not performed, children and adults must stay home for at least 10 days after symptom onset, and at least 24 hours after fever has resolved and symptoms have improved. People with severe disease or who are immunocompromised may need to be isolated at home for longer.
- If testing for COVID-19 is negative, stay home until 24 hours after the fever resolves and be symptom free for 24 hours.

For people who had known close contact* to an individual with confirmed COVID-19.

- Get tested for COVID-19 after the 5th day since last contact
- If they have symptoms they must stay out of school until at least 10 days after symptom onset, and at least 24 hours after their fever has resolved and symptoms have improved. People with severe disease or who are immunocompromised may need to be isolated at home for longer.
- If they have no symptoms they must stay out of school for 14 days after last close contact with the individual. Consider testing on day 10 even if no symptoms are present.
- Inform the program right away if the person is diagnosed with COVID-19.

***Close contact is defined as:**

- Less than six feet away from a COVID positive individual for more than cumulative total of 15 minutes (with our without a mask) In the period from 48 hours before symptom onset or positive COVID test if there are no symptoms

For family members and siblings of individuals who have had a known close contact to an individual with confirmed COVID-19.

- Will not be considered a close contact unless the person quarantining due to a known close contact develops symptoms. Until such time siblings will be allowed to attend FCC programming.
- Should the person quarantining due to a known close contact develop symptoms, the parents must immediately inform FCC and remove their other child(ren) from care.

People testing positive for COVID-19

- Must stay out of school until at least 24 hours have passed since recovery. A person is recovered when they have:
 - no fever without the use of medications and improvement in respiratory signs like cough and shortness of breath. Additionally, at least 10 days have passed since signs first showed up.

Cleaning and disinfecting procedures

- Clean, sanitize, and disinfect throughout the day. Follow licensing guidance and increase how often you clean. FCC uses bleach and water mixtures for disinfection and sanitization. We thoroughly clean surfaces with soap and water and remove the soap with a water rinse before applying the bleach solution. Keep the surface wet for at least one minute.
- Regularly clean and disinfect high touch surfaces like doorknobs, faucet handles, check-in counters, and restrooms throughout the day. Use alcohol wipes to clean keyboards and electronics.
- Wash hands after you clean.
- Clean and disinfect toys used by children daily

Vaccination Policy

COVID Vaccination Policy for Staff

In accordance with 2021 National, State, and County guidance FCC requires all staff to be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus, or follow procedures to obtain an FCC medical or religious exemption.*

- All staff will provide proof of vaccination or an approved exemption application
- Qualified exempted individuals will take COVID-19 tests on a weekly basis. These individuals would be limited to a single classroom/cohort and would not act as floats or subs among classrooms.

***Exemption Procedures**

Exemptions for any mandatory vaccination policy put in place by Fauntleroy Children's Center can be obtained through an approved application. An application for exemption contains the following items.

- A complete, signed and dated application form
- A signed request for exemption from a licensed physician
- A signed liability waiver