



## **Day Care Homes- updated guidance – July 29, 2021**

(this will get incorporated into the center COVID guidance document at a later date)

Considering the significant increase in the number of Delta variant cases of COVID-19 the following is an update on the COVID-19 guidance for daycare homes. The infection rate with Delta is much faster and higher than the wild (original) COVID-19.

### **Masking – JCDHE STRONGLY recommends:**

- All kids over the age of 2 should be masked when inside or in crowded outdoor situations
- All parents, visitors, and others entering the daycare home should wear a mask regardless of their vaccination status.
- All Providers/Staff should wear masks regardless of their vaccination status during daycare hours

### **Exclusion of exposed staff and children:**

- If there is a positive case among the daycare children in the daycare home, the positive case is out for at least 10 days and can return on day 11 if symptoms resolved or significantly improved and afebrile for last 24 hours.
- When a single exposure occurs – the home can continue to stay open but all staff and children must be masked.
- Those unable to mask due to choice, age, or inability need to be excluded until:
  - testing negative on day 6 or later with a PCR test to return on day 8
  - OR
  - without testing, and if they remain asymptomatic through day 10, then they can return on day 11.
- If at any time an exposed provider or child becomes symptomatic:
  - test with a PCR test (unless they've had a previously positive test in the last 90 days, then test using an antigen test) and remain out until negative test results are received
  - OR
  - Without testing:
    - Provider – close for 10 days from symptom onset (return on day 11). Symptoms must be resolved or significantly improved and fever free the last 24 hours.
    - Child- remain out of care for 10 days from symptom onset
- Family members/residents exposed outside of the daycare home must be able to quarantine completely away from provider and daycare children for the duration of their quarantine. If this is not possible the daycare has to close during the person's isolation period.



- Vaccinated providers/staff, and those who have had COVID-19 in the previous 6 months, are not required to quarantine after exposure and may continue to work unless they become symptomatic. In this case they shall be excluded and tested by PCR test and receive a negative test to return on day 8 or remain out of the home 10 days from symptom onset
- Once a second positive case occurs in the same facility within 14 days of a previous case the facility should reach out to JCDHE – Child care Licensing for risk assessment and further guidance.
- If the primary provider is positive the home must be closed (if located in the providers home).

#### Meals and Nap time

When masks are off, encourage as much social distancing as possible and keep seating as consistent as possible.