

November 10, 2020

Dear CCCC Parents,

New guidance from The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; "Return to Learn" was released on October 30th. We have already been following stringent illness exclusion guidelines to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. However the new guidance is stricter and dependent on three categories of COVID-19 symptoms; critical, major or minor.

In the past few months, and noticeably the month of October, there has been a significant increase in the number of COVID-19 outbreaks in child care programs. The Office of Early Childhood, Division of Human Services, and Child Care Licensing (OEC) is urging all child care programs to continue to do their part to help fight the spread of COVID-19.

The OEC is requiring children over 3 years of age to wear masks during attendance in a child care center. The college's children's center will now require children age 3 and older to wear a mask while in care at all times except to eat. Parents are asked to provide a mask for their child and have the child wear the mask at drop off.

Now, more than ever it is vital to keep children home when they are not feeling well or have **ANY** of the below symptoms. Parents are to notify myself or Kim via phone call or email so we are able to assess the situation and provide you informed guidance on exclusions. Exclusion guidance can be as simple as to keep the child home for 24 hours and monitor symptoms. If resolved the child may return. If symptoms continue, the child may need to remain home for as long as 10 days with resolved symptoms. No test result can end an individual's isolation or quarantine period early.

COVID-19 symptoms are:

Critical:

- Loss of taste or smell

Major:

- Feverish, chills or temperature greater than 100.4
- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Minor:

- Sore throat
- Runny nose or congestion
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Fatigue (lethargy)
- Nausea, vomiting
- Diarrhea

I understand that having childcare is necessary for many of you and that extended home isolations may cause a personal hardship but it is necessary to keep everyone as healthy as possible. Tuition will be waived for children who are home sick.

Failure to adhere to COVID-19 state mandated guidelines and the centers adopted illness exclusion guidelines may result in closures of classrooms, the center and or discontinuation of care for your child.

Thank you for your continued understanding as we navigate this unrepresented time to ensure the wellbeing of children and staff at the center.

If you have any questions, please reach out.

Thank you,
Danielle