

LCS Illness and COVID-19 Policies

Regular LCS Illness Policies

- **Fever** - Students with a fever of 100 or higher may not attend school or are sent home if one develops during the day.
- **Students must be fever free for 48 hours without the use of fever suppression medicine like Tylenol or Motrin before returning to school.**
 - Once a student becomes fever free without medication, the student must wait 2 additional days before returning to school.
 - If a student has been sent home with a fever on Monday (that goes away on Monday w/o medicine) that student may return on Thursday.
- Students may not attend school the day of or 2 days after having a fever, vomiting or having diarrhea.
- Students with a fever, symptoms of illness or are unable to participate in activities due to feeling unwell are removed from the classroom and other students until a parent or guardian arrives to pick them up.
- Other illnesses like Hand Foot and Mouth may require different/longer absences. As doctor recommendations vary, please note that our requirements will supercede a doctor's return to school release note.

COVID-19 Policies regarding exclusion from school and required reporting to LCS Office

Students will be screened prior to entry and answering yes to any of the following will exclude your child from attending:

- **Fever of 100 or higher**
- **Cough**
- **Headache**
- **Sore Throat**
- **Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing**
- **Nausea or Vomiting**
- **Diarrhea**
- **Close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 positive individual within 2 days of them testing positive or symptoms beginning**
- **Student or Household member is waiting for the results of a COVID-19 Test**

Symptomatic Individuals – LCS may exclude symptomatic students from attending if that individual is symptomatic, even without a fever.

Ill Household Members - If a household member is feeling unwell and stays home from school/work, please keep your LCS student home as well. This includes not bringing your LCS student to school if any household member is getting tested.

Close Contact - Parents are required to notify the LCS Office if a student is a close contact to a COVID positive person.

- If the COVID positive close contact is a household member, the student will be required to stay out for 14 days due to a longer exposure time.
- If the COVID positive close contact is NOT a household member, that 14 day absence day may be reduced.

Awaiting Test Results – Parents are required to keep their LCS student home when the student or a household member are awaiting the results of a COVID test due to an exposure or symptoms.

Positive COVID-19 Test - Parents are required to notify the LCS Office as soon as possible in the event that a student or close contact of the student has a positive COVID-19 test.

If a Student or Staff Member is Positive for COVID - All students and staff members in that class must remain home for 10 -14 days from the last time the individual was in close contact with the class.

- Parents will be notified via phone call if their student comes in contact with a COVID positive individual.
- A confirmed case of COVID is reportable to the Health Department and LCS will make temporary school closure decisions with them, not alone. If the Health Department determined that a more restrictive action be taken, like a larger school closure, we would comply with their decision.

We will not notify all families when a student has a fever, or is ill with other childhood illnesses unless the illness is a reportable illness that parents need to be aware of.

As rules, guidelines and information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic are ever changing, LCS may update or change certain policies, screening criteria and procedures to adapt to new information.

Doctor notes with a reduced absence requirement will not supersede LCS requirements to shorten the absence period.

Failure to keep your child home and notify the LCS Office that your student meets exclusion criteria for illness or COVID could result in termination of services.

LCS Updated Health Policies and Procedures

- Hand Washing takes place multiple times throughout the day including but not limited to: before snacks, meals, after the playground, after using the restroom or having a diaper changed and when hands are visibly dirty.
 - Every child and staff member will wash their hands upon entering the building.
 - LCS has completely automated sinks, soap dispensers and towel dispensers.
 - Hand sanitizer is also available in each classroom and common areas. This is kept out of the reach of students, but used when necessary.
- Surfaces are thoroughly disinfected daily or multiple times a day. Toys, chairs, tables, cubbies and other classroom areas are cleaned throughout the day and at the end of the day. Bathrooms, hallways and shared spaces are deep cleaned and disinfected daily. High touch areas of the playgrounds and Outdoor Learning Center are disinfected every morning.

Current Recommendations from Denton County Health Department and Health and Human Services (in Charge of Child Care Licensing) have been extended through December

- Limited persons (Staff and Students Only) entering the building.
 - Car Line drop off or drop off at the door for all families.
 - Parents may enter the building when necessary
- Screening at the door may be required for those who enter. This may include:
 - Screening questions asked before entry and temperature checks.
 - This will be done in an upbeat, positive and quick manner.
- Limiting interactions between classes
 - Classes will eat lunch in their classroom
 - Classes will have staggered playground times between our two playgrounds. Some classes may go to the playground together.
- Increased Sanitization – Detailed above.