

Dear EDSE Families,

We know you receive vast amounts of information about COVID-19 everywhere, from news & public health websites to commercials & social media, making it more likely to skim or overlook one more piece of information. **However, it is imperative that you read, understand, and completely comply with EDSE's Temporary Illness Policy during this COVID-19 pandemic.** At EDSE our first and most important concern is the health and safety of your children and our staff. With so many people depending on full compliance of the Temporary Illness Policy, we are requiring your acknowledgement by signing and returning this letter.

We implore everyone to obey the governors Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors Order which includes social distancing, wearing masks, and "limiting social interactions to the greatest extent possible". But since we cannot control what others may do away from EDSE, your child has an increased chance of exposure to COVID-19. At EDSE, we continue to follow all daily cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting guidelines, handwashing, wearing face coverings, and social distancing to the best of our ability to further limit possible exposure of the virus.

As part of the Temporary Illness Policy, you must first understand some definitions:

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS:

- Mild:** May include a combination of cough, runny or congested nose, sore throat, body aches, headaches, fatigue, and chest tightness. Some people may not have a fever or not develop a fever until later. Therefore a fever is not necessarily a mild symptom.
- Worsening:** Cough, fever, and shortness of breath
- Severe:** Trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion or the inability to arouse, and bluish lips or face

According to CDPHE symptoms of COVID-19, whether mild, worsening, or severe, requires isolation.

CONFIRMED VS PRESUMED:

- Confirmed:** Someone who has tested positive for COVID-19
- Probable:** Someone who has symptoms and was in close contact of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Presumed/
Suspected:** Someone who has symptoms but has not been tested for COVID-19

QUARANTINE VS ISOLATION:

Quarantine:

- Separate a person and restrict their movements if they were exposed to someone who has a confirmed, probable or presumed case of COVID-19 to see if they become sick.
- For people who are not sick but may have been exposed to someone who is sick. This could include members of your household, your coworkers, or others you have been in close contact with (within 6 feet) for 10 minutes or more.
- Quarantine lasts 14 days if the person does not start having symptoms.
- If during the 14 days they develop symptoms, they must start isolation.

Isolation:

- Separate a person who is sick who has a confirmed, probable or presumed case of COVID-19.
- For people who are sick with a confirmed, probable or presumed case of COVID-19 or for those who have several matching symptoms.
- Isolation lasts until:
 - 72 hours from the last time there was a fever without using a fever reducing medication **AND**
 - Other symptoms have significantly improved (example: cough or shortness of breath is better) **AND**
 - At least 10 days has passed since symptoms first appeared.

EDSE TEMPORARY ILLNESS POLICY:

EDSE’s Temporary Illness Policy during the COVID-19 pandemic is strict because it appears that some people present with only mild symptoms, if any at all. When asked if children or staff may attend if they only appear to have a common cold we were told “Children or staff should not be attending if they have any cold like symptoms that are not allergies.”

Therefore, children or staff who have any illness symptoms without a fever cannot attend until:

- Their mild symptoms go away **OR**
- Their Health Care Provider gives us a written note saying the symptoms are not COVID-19 and that the other children in the child care center are not at risk of catching it.

If children or staff have mild illness symptom(s) but you strongly believe the symptom(s) is because of seasonal allergies, please have your Health Care Provider confirm the allergy symptom(s) **in writing** and provide it to us.

Children or staff who have a persistent cough with any other symptom, not necessarily a fever, **OR** Children or staff who have mild cold-like symptoms with a fever will need to see their Health Care Provider (virtual or in person) and staff should request to be tested for COVID-19 as an essential worker. The ill person will not be able to return to EDSE until:

- The Health Care Provider gives us a written note saying the symptoms are not COVID-19 and that the children and staff in the child care center are not at risk of catching it **OR**
- The Health Care Provider gives us a written note giving instruction with the ill person’s health instruction which includes what criteria is needed to return to EDSE **AND**
- The ill person has gone through the isolation process:
 - 72 hours has passed from the last time there was a fever without using a fever reducing medication **AND**
 - All other symptoms are significantly better **AND**
 - At least 10 days has passed since symptoms first appeared.

A note from the Health Care Provider can be either hand written or sent to us from the Provider via text, email, or fax. Our fax number is 1-303-379-1509.

Please inform us, as soon as possible, if your child or anyone living with or in close contact with your child tests positive for COVID-19 or has a probable case of COVID-19. Your child will not be able to attend until the required isolation or quarantine is over. The school will be required to close for extreme cleaning before we can resume operation. This is for the safety of all children and staff. Should exposure occur, guidance for EDSE would be determined by Jefferson County Public Health Department.

I have read, understand, and will comply by the EDSE Temporary Illness Policy while it is in effect.

Child attending EDSE

Printed Name

Signature

Date