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## **FAQs for Known COVID-19 Infections or Exposures**

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### **What steps are taken when an individual who was on site at Frazer center reports that they have tested positive for COVID-19?**

- The infected individual is directed to stay home and await further guidance from Public Health.
- We advise that the CDC return to work / return to school guidance states:
  - Symptoms + positive test = At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared and at least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication and symptoms have improved
  - No symptoms + positive test = 10 days since test and continuation of no symptoms
  - No symptoms + known exposure = self-quarantine for 14 days since the known exposure
- The Director of Operations calls the Dekalb County Board of Health to report the positive test result.
- The contact information for the infected individual, and for all employees and/or children who were in close contact with the infected individual, is provided to the Board of Health.
- The Board of Health provides Frazer Center with guidance about areas/classrooms that must be closed due to exposure, including the length of time for the closure, and which employees and children must self-quarantine and follow the recommended return to work/school guidelines.
- It is likely that per Public Health guidelines, the classroom where the employee worked will be closed; staff members and children or adult program participants with whom the individual had prolonged, direct contact will be quarantined for 14 days from the last date of exposure; the rest of Frazer Center will remain open.
- When Public Health contacts the infected individual, they provide guidance about testing, initiate contact tracing, and confirm a return to work/school plan.
- The areas where the infected individual spent time receive additional cleaning and disinfecting.

### **What steps are taken when an individual who was on site at Frazer center reports that they have been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19?**

- We direct the exposed individual to stay home and await further guidance from Public Health.
- We advise that the Department of Public Health return to work / return to school guidance states :
  - Symptoms + positive test = 72 hours symptom free and 10 days since symptoms first started
  - No symptoms + positive test = 10 days since test and continuation of no symptoms
  - No symptoms + known exposure = self-quarantine for 14 days since the known exposure
- We advise the exposed individual that Public Health should be contacting them as part of contact tracing.
- Public Health confirms guidance with the individual about testing and a return to work/school plan.

- The areas where the exposed individual spent time receive additional cleaning and disinfecting.

#### **What type of communication will be sent to parents and staff?**

- All parents and staff will be notified if a person who was on site at Frazer Center reports a positive COVID-19 test.
- Staff and parents of children who had direct contact with the individual reporting a positive test will receive a separate email.
- All parents and staff will be notified if a person who was on site at Frazer Center reports a known exposure to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Staff and parents of children who had direct contact with the individual reporting exposure will receive a separate email.
- The communication will specify, to the best of our knowledge, if the known exposure occurred on site at Frazer Center, or within the community.
- The communication will also specify if the known exposure is “high level”. High level exposure occurs if the exposure is between members of the same household or between two people who have had prolonged, direct personal contact.
- In accordance with privacy laws, we will not communicate the infected/exposed individual’s name.
- In accordance with privacy laws, we will not report the infected/exposed individual’s health status, if they have symptoms, or if they have been or will be tested.
- We strongly encourage parents and employees NOT to seek out this information on their own, through asking questions of other staff members or parents, in order to respect the privacy of those affected.

#### **How do I know if I should stay home due to illness, and when I can return?**

- Out of an abundance of caution, we have updated our illness policy to increase the symptom-free time requirement to return to work/school if an individual has symptoms that are possibly due to COVID-19.
- We advise that individuals seek medical advice should they present with multiple symptoms. Should a medical professional advise that symptoms are not related to COVID-19, the individual can report to work/school after being symptom free for 24 hours (without the use of medication), with documentation provided by a healthcare professional stating that symptoms are not COVID-19 related. If there is a possibility that symptoms are related to COVID-19, the individual must be symptom-free for 72 hours, and should seek the advice of a physician.
- Symptoms of COVID-19 include: Fever or chills, Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Fatigue, Muscle or body aches, Headache, New loss of taste or smell, Sore throat, Congestion or runny nose, Nausea or vomiting, Diarrhea.