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Child and Youth Services

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Dear Child and Youth Services Parents:

Child and Youth Services (CYS) is continuing to monitor the evolving situation around COVID-19 and the latest Omicron variant. The health and safety of our children, youth and staff is the priority as we keep Centers open for child care. El Paso County Public Health (EPCPH), Army Public Health Nursing (APHN) and the CDC have provided the following guidance when exposed children and youth will be excluded from care:

**Child Development Centers (CDC):**

- a. Positive Children: isolation for 10 days from onset of symptoms
- b. Exposed Children: quarantine for 14 days from last date of contact with the positive case

\*Note: This group of children cannot be vaccinated nor can they wear masks consistently and correctly.

**Kinder Programs:**

a. Positive Children: isolation for five (5) days from onset of symptoms; if on day five (5) they are symptom free they may return on day six (6). They must wear a mask consistently and correctly for an additional five (5) days upon return. IF they are still having symptoms on day five (5), they must isolate through day 10 after symptom onset and until they are symptom free.

b. Exposed Children: quarantine is not needed. Exposed children in this program will wear a mask consistently and correctly for 10 days after exposure to a positive case. IF they become symptomatic during the 10 days after exposure they will now start a 10 day isolation or be diagnosed with an alternative medical diagnosis

c. At Home Exposure: If a child in this program is exposed to a positive household member, they will need to be excluded for five (5) days from the last exposure of the positive household member. IF the child does not develop symptoms they may return to care on day six (6) from last exposure with a negative test result. The child must wear a mask for an additional four (4) days upon return consistently and correctly. If the child becomes symptomatic a COVID test or a 10 day isolation from symptom onset is required.

\*Note: If the child is unvaccinated follow the quarantine protocols for CDC children.

**School-Age Centers and Youth Center (SAC/YC):**

a. Positive Children: isolation for five (5) days from onset of symptoms; if on day five (5) they are symptom free they may return on day six (6). They must wear a mask consistently and correctly for an additional five (5) days upon return. IF they are still having symptoms on day five (5), they must isolate through day 10 after symptom onset and until they are symptom free.

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b. Exposed Children: quarantine is not needed. Exposed children in this program will wear a mask consistently and correctly for 10 days after exposure to a positive case. IF they become symptomatic during the 10 days after exposure they will now start a 10 day isolation or be diagnosed with an alternative medical diagnosis

c. At Home Exposure: If a child in this program is exposed to a positive household member, they will need to be excluded for five (5) days from the last exposure of the positive household member. IF the child does not develop symptoms they may return to care on day six (6) from last exposure with a negative test result. The child must wear a mask for an additional four (4) days upon return consistently and correctly. If the child becomes symptomatic a COVID test or a 10 day isolation from symptom onset is required

\*Note: If the child is unvaccinated follow the quarantine protocols for CDC children.

**CYS will continue to practice health and safety protocols. These protocols include:**

a. Requiring all staff and children over two (2) years to wear a mask (whether vaccinated or not), Masks are also required for all children, youth and staff on CYS Shuttle buses, per federal mandate.

b. Practicing and allowing time for proper hand hygiene and making hand sanitizer readily available

c. Illness Screening Practices in all programs

d. Utilizing isolation and quarantining guidance per the EPCPH, APHN CDC, and thorough sanitizing/disinfecting of all indoor spaces.

These protocols have been in place all year and will remain a priority. It is also important that parents keep their child(ren) home from child care when they are feeling ill or when a household member is ill or being tested.

CYS continues to work alongside public health officials to ensure we have the latest guidance and are protecting our children, youth and staff effectively.

Management,  
Child and Youth Services