

Introduction

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. CORONVIRUS (COVID-19) is an illness that can spread from person to person. Symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness. COVID-19 is spread by coming into close contact (six feet) for longer than 15 minutes, with a person who has COVID-19. You can become infected from respiratory droplets in the air. The rapid global spread of COVID-19 has been classified as a global pandemic. The Early Learning Department in Fresno Unified is committed to minimizing the spread of COVID 19 by maintaining health and safety practices that will reduce the spread and keep our children, families, and staff as safe as possible. We realize we work with very young children and social distancing can be challenging. Our hope is to lessen the spread by staying in smaller groups that do not interact with one another. We will also do our best to keep the same group of children with the same teachers each day. We will be attentive to enhanced health and safety practices recommended by federal, state, and local agencies. Please do your part by following the recommendations as well.

Arrival Procedures

Parents and children will meet at an area designated by the school site for drop-off and pick-up. You must sign your child in and out each day. If the site does not provide the contactless sign in/out process, you will take your child's folder out of the crate supplied by the school site staff and sign them in or out daily. Clean/sanitized pens will be provided. Masks are required for all children over the age of two, and family members. To reduce contact between children and adults, maintain social distancing from others during this process, and only one guardian should drop off and pick up.

Health Screening Process

All employees of Fresno Unified, all children, parents or other adults dropping off children, who enter our buildings will self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before leaving home, using the Fresno Unified School District Self Health Screening Tool: : <https://www.fresnounified.org/updated-self-health-screening-tool/>

All employees and children must stay home if they are sick or answer yes to any of the following questions:

1. Do I have any of the following symptoms that are new or worsening?

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, repeated shaking/tremors

2. Have I or anyone in my household been confirmed/suspected with COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

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3. Have I been notified that I am a close contact* with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

*Close Contact- someone who has spent 15 minutes cumulative or more within 6 feet or less of a positive person, starting from 48 hours before the person began feeling sick.

Please do not bring your child to school if you answer yes to any of the above questions. Please notify your child's school.

Before entering the classroom each day, your child's teacher will conduct a visual wellness check and will ask, "Did you complete the FUSD Self Health Screening tool for both you and your child before leaving home?"

Any child or employee that has a known exposure to COVID - 19 will not be allowed to enter the classroom and will not return to school for 10 days from exposure and symptom free for 24 hours without medication.

Any child or employee exhibiting symptoms may return to school after 10 days have passed since onset of COVID-19 symptoms with symptoms improving and be fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication.

Children will be monitored throughout the day for any possible signs of illness.

All suspected/confirmed cases will be reported to the Fresno Unified COVID-19 Action Team (CAT) who will investigate on a case by case basis and report to the Fresno County Department of Health.

Children must be kept home if they are sick.

Children or staff developing these symptoms during the day will be isolated. Children will need to be picked up from school within 20 minutes of receiving a phone call from the school. Parents may need to arrange for back up childcare should a family member or their child exhibit COVID-19 symptoms or test positive. Staff will be sent home. The FUSD CAT will investigate. Parents are encouraged to seek medical guidance in the event of any COVID-19 symptoms in their children.

Any staff suspected or confirmed with a COVID-19 case will report it to their Site Administrator. Site Administrators will report directly to the FUSD CAT at FUSD Health Services.

Compliance with Physical Distancing Requirements of the Federal, State, and Local Agencies

FUSD, Early Learning Department has taken many steps to improve safety and physical distancing to the extent possible in all our childcare settings. All actions are applicable to all sites. Through these measures we hope to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by limiting group sizes, group interactions, and by limiting exposure to the minimum number of people as possible.

Physical Distancing Actions Applicable to all Sites

Classroom Group Size: Per the direction of California Department of Education, Fresno County Health Department, and Community Care Licensing, group sizes are limited to 16 (including adults). Class and group sizes will be adjusted per ongoing updated guidance.

Classroom Mixing (Full Day Childcare): To the extent possible, students will not be moved from one classroom to another and teachers will remain with the same classes each day and ongoing. The following exceptions apply:

- 1) At the beginning and end of the day, students may need to be combined in one room for parent pick-up. Parents who want to avoid that should contact their child's lead teacher to determine the latest time their child can be picked up in their primary room.
- 2) Due to teacher absences and breaks, floaters, part-time teachers, and substitutes may need to work in multiple rooms. Every effort to maintain consistent grouping and adult assignments will be made to reduce exposure. Each group of children will stay in their own room.

Classroom Consistency: To the extent possible, classroom changes for students will be minimized.

Field Trips: There is a pause on field trips.

Classroom Access: At this time classroom access is limited to teachers and enrolled children.

Events: There is a pause on all special events such as assemblies and large group gatherings.

Visitors: No visitors are permitted.

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The following physical distancing strategies will be used to the greatest extent possible:

We will arrange developmentally appropriate activities that can be done individually and rearrange furniture and play spaces to maintain 6-foot separation, when possible.

We will extend the indoor environment to outdoors, and bring the class outside, weather permitting

We will stagger outdoor playtimes- one group at a time

We will implement strategies to model and reinforce physical distancing and movement

During mealtimes, children will sit 6 ft apart, individual meals will be served, food will not be shared, and children will have their own table space. When weather permits, lunch will be eaten outside.

At nap time, we will ensure that children's naptime cots (or cribs) are spaced out 6 feet apart when possible and cots are placed in a head to toe pattern.

Enhanced Additional Personal Hygiene

FUSD, Early Learning Department, has taken several additional steps to increase the safety of its children, parents, and employees.

Hand Washing

Hand washing sinks are available in each classroom for the children and teachers, in the teachers lounges and break rooms, as well as restrooms.

All children and staff will engage in hand hygiene at the following times: arrival to the facility and after breaks, before and after preparing food or drinks, before and after eating or handling food, or feeding children, after coughing or sneezing, before and after diapering, after using the toilet or helping a child use the bathroom, after coming in contact with bodily fluid, after playing outdoors, and after handling garbage.

Sanitizer at Entrance

Alcohol-based hand sanitizer with a minimum of 60% alcohol content will be placed near each entrance to each building/room. If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer will be used, if children's hands are not visibly dirty, under direct supervision of an adult.

Masks and Face Coverings

All employees, children over the age of two and parents are expected to wear masks or face coverings while in the building or outside on the property while supervising children.

Enhanced Cleaning and Disinfecting

Fresno Unified Early Learning Department has increased cleaning and disinfecting practices including but not limited to:

- Frequent cleaning and disinfecting of shared work areas, toys, and equipment with District approved disinfecting products.
- Frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces, including doorknobs, handles, keyboards, telephones, tables, sink faucets, etc.
- Frequent cleaning of shared break/lunchroom/bathroom areas with approved District disinfecting products.
- Outdoor areas will receive routine cleaning between each group use.

If an employee has a confirmed/suspected COVID-19 diagnosis, Fresno Unified School District will: close off areas visited by the ill persons. Open outside doors and windows and use ventilating fans to increase air circulation in the area. Cleaning staff will clean and disinfect all areas such as offices, bathrooms, common areas, shared electronic equipment like tablets, touch screens, keyboards, remote controls, and machines used by the ill persons, focusing especially on frequently touched surfaces.

Each classroom teacher, paraprofessional, and site custodial staff are responsible to ensure that the above enhanced cleaning and disinfecting practices occur on a regularly scheduled basis. If a positive COVID-19 case occurs within the facility, the FUSD CAT will be notified.

Plan for the Event of a Child or Employee COVID-19 Diagnosis

If a child or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19, the following steps will take place:

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The student/staff MUST:

- Mask & be placed in isolation
- Be monitored until able to leave
- Remain home until cleared to return to school
- Staff will be sent home

Health Office Staff/Staff monitoring the isolation room will:

- DON appropriate PPE (mask/N95, gloves, gown, shield)
- Document Frontline – COVID-19 Screening
- Notify parent/guardian AND campus principal that FUSD COVID-19 Action Team will investigate and provide additional guidance
- Submit information to COVID-19 Action Team
 - Work closely with COVID-19 Action Team member
 - Identify all areas students has been in
- Identify name/phone of close contacts (within 2 days of start of symptoms, positive person did not have a mask, within 6 feet & >15 min.)

Based on COVID-19 Action Team Investigation

COVID-19 Action Team will:

- Contact family & investigate
- Contact Close Contacts
- Provide anticipated return date
- Coordinate disinfection/cleaning-see Enhanced Cleaning and Disinfecting for CDC guidelines
- Send letters/provide resources
- Provide guidance & support
- Contact family day before anticipated clearance to provide final clearance
- Communicate final clearance
- Notify FCDPH

The Early Learning Department will notify Community Care Licensing.

Students/staff may return when the following has been met:

Positive COVID-19 test result– at least 10 days upon symptom start and 1 day without fever/fever medicine, and symptoms have resolved

Symptoms only - at least 10 days upon symptom start and 1 day without fever/fever medicine, symptoms resolved or sooner if test negative

Students must not return until they are cleared by CAT.

The names of any individuals involved must not be shared with anyone other than health officials.

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FUSD COVID-19 Resources can be found here: <https://health.fresnounified.org/covid-19/>



COVID-19 Daily Self-Health Screening Tool

Revised: December 4, 2020

**Ask the following 3 questions
every day before school/work:**

3 Questions

Action

1

Do I have any of the following symptoms that are new or worsening?

- fever or chills
- cough
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- fatigue
- muscle or body aches
- headache
- repeated shaking/ tremors
- new loss of taste or smell
- sore throat
- congestion or runny nose
- nausea or vomiting
- diarrhea


**If YES
STAY HOME**

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If a student, employee or essential visitor answers "YES" to any of the above questions, they should:

- **Remain home – DO NOT go to school/work**
- **DO notify your child's school/employee's department supervisor**