

The Community Before & After School Child Care Program (CAP)

ANNOUNCEMENT



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On February 28, 2022, Governor Brown announced Oregon will lift mask requirements for indoor public spaces and schools, including child care, on March 11, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. Beginning Monday, March 14, 2022, masks will no longer be required in the CAP program.

As a result, CAP is now a “mask optional” center, and we encourage parents and families, as well as CAP teacher staff, to determine whether continued mask wearing remains a best-choice option in addressing individual needs and circumstances. We invite all to be respectful and supportive of individual choice.

Positive COVID Isolation/Quarantine Requirements

Due to declining COVID-19 case rates and high levels of immunity, beginning March 12, 2022, Oregon Health Authority has paused the quarantine requirement for individuals exposed to COVID-19 in child care and K-12 settings. Individuals who are ill with COVID-like symptoms or test positive must be excluded from child care and isolate at home for 5 days. They may then return when symptoms are resolving and fever-free for 24 hours. When returning to care, individuals should wear a well-fitting mask in child care and public settings for 5 days after their isolation started (or days 6 through 10).

If a confirmed/positive case of COVID-19 has been identified, families will be notified of an exposure so they can watch for symptoms, but children/staff exposed do not need to be excluded unless they are symptomatic or positive. Additionally, CAP will not be required to close the program for a positive COVID-19 case unless there are too many staff exclusions for isolation to maintain operations and staffing ratios.

CAP Vaccination Policy Remains in Effect

POLICY: Consistent with our duty to provide and maintain a child care program that is free of recognized hazards, the Community After-School Child Care Program (CAP) has adopted a policy to safeguard the health and well-being of the children in our care. Proof of vaccination is required for employment with the CAP program.

Candidates not currently vaccinated will be responsible for scheduling and obtaining all recommended doses of an FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccination before a position with CAP will be offered.

All medical information including proof of vaccination will be kept strictly confidential. CAP will not disclose, reveal, or make use of vaccination information without written consent.

The Early Learning Division (ELD) will be updating its COVID-19 guidance document to include changes to mask requirements and isolation/quarantine guidelines. When this document has been published, the CAP program will make the necessary updated revisions to the 2021-2022 Parent Handbook.

Thank You!

