



COVID-19 COMMUNITY METRICS & CLOSURE GUIDELINES

2020-2021



NCRC's Continued Commitment to the Health & Safety of Our Community:

- 100% faculty agreement & adherence to the NCRC Community Pledge;
- Consistent & correct use of face masks and additional PPE;
- Physical distancing measures in place & reorganization of the classrooms;
- Adjusted arrival & dismissal procedures;
- Regular opportunities for hand hygiene & shoe sanitation;
- Cleaning, sanitizing & disinfecting of the whole campus on a daily and weekly basis;
- Reduced class sizes & adjusted routines for all program levels;
- Daily health screenings for all staff and children;
- Virtual learning is an option available for all students;
- Communication to the community of all changes & all testing and illness centrally reported to health@ncrcpreschool.org;
- Adherence to DC's 14 day quarantining requirements, following travel to any of the identified high-risk states (list is currently updated every two weeks).

NCRC's Coronavirus Response to Test Positivity & Potential Community Outbreaks:

External factors that may call for NCRC to close & move to full virtual learning:

- DC Mayor's guidance on closure due to a citywide mandate.
- Local (DMV) Rate of Transmission and Test Positivity of 5%.

Internal factors that would call for NCRC to close:

- Three reported & unrelated confirmed COVID-19 positive cases within the school. The whole school to close for 14 days and all learning to be moved to virtual.
- A confirmed COVID-19 positive case in a class. That classroom would be closed and learning for that cohort moved to virtual for 14 days.
- If a COVID-19 positive case is reported in either an AM or PM section of a class. Both sections will be moved to virtual learning for 14 days.
- A confirmed COVID-19 positive case of a school administrator or facilities member would require quarantining of their close contacts for 14 days. Close contact is defined as someone who: **1.** was in direct contact with infectious secretions, i.e. sneezed or coughed on, or **2.** was within approximately 6 feet for a prolonged period of time (greater than fifteen minutes, cumulatively over a 24-hour period) of the positive person.

NCRC's Coronavirus Response to Test Positivity & Potential Community Outbreaks (Continued):

Please Note: Any member of the community seeking to receive a PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) COVID-19 test after an NCRC closure or notice of a positive case in the community is highly recommended to wait until day five to seven after the student or faculty member's last known contact, or date of notification, unless symptoms appear first.

- Issues related to faculty absenteeism and an inability to adequately staff a class/classes (adhering to OSSE and safety regulations) may call for the closure of a class/classes and for learning to be moved to virtual learning for a class, cohort, or the whole school.
- A large percentage of community absenteeism (e.g. flu or illness related) may result in a school closure.

When a Confirmed Positive Case Is Within the NCRC Campus Community:

- The entire NCRC community will be notified.
- NCRC will follow all cleaning, disinfection, and sanitation protocols and procedures outlined in the guidance from DC Health, OSSE, and CDC.
- An impacted cohort will receive notification to quarantine for 14 days and be provided with detailed information about the transition to virtual learning.
- DC Health will be notified, and NCRC will fully cooperate with their contact tracing process by providing any necessary information.

When a Parent or Household Member of a Student or Faculty Member Tests Positive for Coronavirus:

The student or faculty member must quarantine for 14 to 28 days, depending on the last day of known contact with the positive parent/household member. (Contact requires 14 days of quarantining from the last known date of contact with a person who has been tested positive for COVID-19. Given that NCRC is a community of young children and those who nurture and care for others, if 100% separation is not possible by the student or faculty member and they don't contract the virus themselves, the maximum length of the quarantine would be 28 days (the 14 days of the positive person's quarantine and the subsequent 14 days due to exposure). If the student or faculty member does acquire the COVID-19, their quarantine time will follow the guidance of a medical practitioner).