

BGCC Exclusion Rules for COVID-19 – Updated August 14th 2020

- Fever > 100°F
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Persistent headache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Body aches or pains
- Unexplained chills or sweating
- Persistent, unexplained fatigue

Children and staff should also stay home at least 14 days if any member of their family or household is exhibiting symptoms listed above or has exhibited these symptoms in the past 72 hours.

Additional Exclusion Rules

- Rash
- Jaundice (yellow color of skin or eyes)
- Skin lesions that are “weepy” (fluid or pus-filled)
- Colored drainage from eyes
- Unusual behavior change
- Symptoms or complaints that prevent the child from participating in activities
- A need for care that is greater than the childcare staff can safely provide

Temperatures and symptoms will be checked at the door for each child and staff member. If the individual’s temperature is greater than 100°F or they are noticeably coughing or short of breath, they should be sent home immediately. All individuals should also be asked if they have had close contact (within 6 feet) of anyone diagnosed with COVID-19; if anyone in their household has respiratory symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath); or if they took any fever-reducing medications that morning. If they answer yes to any of the above questions, they should be sent home immediately.

If symptoms develop while at childcare, the child should be taken to the health room immediately. A caregiver should stay with the child in the isolated room, but should remain as far away as safely possible from the child (preferably 6 feet). If a mask is available, the child should be encouraged to wear the mask if they are coughing or sneezing. If the child is unable to put the mask on themselves, the staff member should wear a mask. Another staff member should contact the child’s emergency contacts immediately so they may be taken home as soon as possible. If a staff member becomes symptomatic, they should go home immediately.

Symptomatic children or staff may return to the program once they are symptom free (no cough or fever or fever-controlling medications) **for 24 hours** so long as at least 10 days have passed since their symptoms first appeared.

If anyone who has entered the facility is diagnosed with COVID-19, we will follow Benton County Public Health or Oregon Health Authority’s guidelines.

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