

Boone Extended Preschool Program

COVID-19 Policy

The health and well-being of our families and staff are the Boone Extended Preschool Programs' highest priorities. In the interest of limiting the opportunity for transmission to our vulnerable community, we are taking the following precautionary measures:

+Precautionary Measures

Your child must remain out of the Boone Extended Preschool Program (BEP) if he/she has:

TWO of the following symptoms: Headache, muscle/body aches, chills, sore throat, runny nose, congestion or nausea

ONE of the following symptoms: New cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, a fever greater than 100.4, vomiting or diarrhea.

Exposure to Covid 19: If your child has been within 6 ft of someone diagnosed with Covid 19 for 15 minutes or longer or someone with symptoms in the home is being tested for Covid 19 - your child must stay home.

Your child may return to the BEP program when:

Covid positive test results: 10 days after onset of symptoms, **OR** if no symptoms 10 days after test day **AND** the child has been fever free for 24 hrs without the use of medication **AND** if symptoms were present they have resolved or greatly improved.

No Covid test: 10 days after onset of symptoms **AND** 24 hrs fever free without the use of medication **AND** symptoms are resolved or greatly improved **OR** you provide a note from your physician stating an alternate cause for the symptoms.

Negative Covid test: At least 24 hrs fever free without the use of medication, symptoms have resolved or greatly improved **OR** if placed on antibiotics child has received 24 hrs of therapy **OR** the symptomatic person in the home has received negative test results.

****Persons with symptoms of COVID 19 who are tested and test negative or who have had close contact with a person who tested positive for COVID 19 should remain out 14 days after their last exposure to the confirmed case.**

****Persons who test positive for COVID 19 but do not experience symptoms should remain out of BEP for 10 days after the date of the first positive test and they continue to have no symptoms since the test.**

****Persons with symptoms of COVID 19 who are tested and test negative and who are not a close contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 can return to Boone Extended Preschool Program (BEP) 24 hours after their fever and other symptoms have resolved.**

Please note, depending on the circumstances we may require you to obtain medical clearance before return to the Boone Extended Program (BEP) will be allowed.

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS: include individuals who may not live in the household but may be staying there or are otherwise present in the household on a regular basis (caregivers, home health workers, contractors, etc.) and includes anyone with pick-up or drop off privileges at the Boone Extended Preschool Program (BEP).

CLOSE CONTACT: is defined by the CDC as (1) being within approximately 6 feet of a COVID-19 case for at least 15 minutes and can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a health care waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case, or (2) having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (an example being coughed on). Considerations when assessing close contact include the duration of exposure and the clinical symptoms of the person with COVID-19.

FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS and FIRST RESPONDERS: If contact occurs while wearing recommended personal protective equipment or PPE (for example, gowns, gloves, NIOSH-certified disposable N95 respirator, eye protection), that contact will NOT be considered close contact for purposes of this policy.

Health Check and Illness Policy - COVID 19

Applies to staff, children, and their household members, which states in part: **ALL STAFF, FAMILIES, CHILDREN, AND THEIR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS MUST CONDUCT A DAILY HEALTH CHECK BEFORE COMING TO THE CENTER.**

- **Your child must stay home if they have TWO of the following symptoms: Headache, Muscle/Body Aches, Chills, Sore Throat, Runny nose, Congestion or Nausea.**
- **Your child must stay home if they have ONE of the following symptoms: New Cough, Shortness of Breath/Difficulty Breathing, New loss of Taste or Smell, Vomiting or Diarrhea.**
- **Your child must stay home if they have been within 6 feet of someone diagnosed with Covid 19 for at least 15 minutes or if someone in the household has symptoms and is being tested for Covid 19.**
- **Exclusion from Boone Extended Preschool Program (BEP) is sometimes necessary to reduce the transmission of illness. For your child's comfort, and to reduce the risk of contagion, we ask that children be picked up within 30 minutes of notification. Until then, your child will be kept comfortable and will continue to be observed for symptoms.**

For a full copy of the Boone Extended Preschool Programs' Illness Policy, please refer to the Boone Extended Preschool Program Parent Handbook.

Summary of Enhanced Protocols

We are continually updating our procedures and protocols in accordance with the most recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance and the guidance of our local medical experts. We have been encouraged for our program to wear face masks, disinfect frequently, conduct health checks and practice physical distancing to the best of our ability, given the ever-changing circumstances and variation in guidance across states and localities.

At the **Boone Extended Preschool Program (BEP)**, you may notice:

- **Daily Health Check** for Staff and families required *before* coming to the Boone Extended Preschool Program(BEP). **This will include temperature screening. Visual inspection of child and or family members.**
- **Nonessential visitors are not allowed** into the Boone Extended Preschool Program (BEP)
- **Drop-offs/pick-ups:** Staggering drop off/pick up. Designated wait spots. ***Ideally, the same parent or designated person should drop off and pick up the child every day. If possible, older people such as grandparents or those with serious underlying medical conditions should not pick up children, because they are more at risk for severe illness from COVID-19.**
- **Cloth Face Coverings and or Face Shields** will be worn by all staff and students, as recommended by the CDC. Face coverings and or Face Shields **must be worn** to enter the BEP room.
- **Hygiene/hand washing** Hand Hygiene Station set up at entrance. Importance of Hygiene and Handwashing emphasized daily in the Boone Extended Preschool Program.
- **Reduced class sizes**, as determined by local guidance, groupings with consistent staffing as possible.
- **Social distancing being practiced** as much as possible, including at meal and quiet times.
- **Frequent cleaning and disinfecting** of high touch surfaces, toys, and laundered items.
- **Outdoor time-limited** to one group at a time, with back-to-back use of the playground area limited.
- **Illness Policy- COVID 19-Suspension of a care session is sometimes necessary to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. To reduce the risk of contagion, if your child becomes ill during a care session you will be notified and must pick your child up within 30 minutes of notification.**

Health and Hygiene Practices

Our regular health and hygiene practices provide some of the best defenses against the spread of most contagious illnesses. In addition to regular and thorough cleaning of classrooms, surfaces, and toys, we teach children good hand-washing practices and ensure that children and staff take important precautions against the spread of germs.

Short Term Closures

BEP reserves the right to enact a short-term closure to ensure the health and safety of families and staff. In the case of emergency closure for more than three days we will refund your tuition for the extended absence. In case of the following situations: An individual (child or staff) has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has been in Page School or a child or staff has had close contact with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19 or has tested positive for COVID-19. In the event that this happens BEP will temporarily close for up to 5 business days to properly clean and sanitize. If the Boone Community School District goes to online learning and BEP remains open tuition costs may need to be adjusted. A written statement will be given if this occurs.

Policy updated as of 9/28/20

By signing below, you are stating that you have received and read BEP Parent COVID 19 Policy, and agree to adhere to all policies. Failure to do so may result in termination of childcare services. Please return this page to the director by 10/5/20

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date
