

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS 412TH TEST WING (AFMC) EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA



MEMORANDUM FOR CHILD AND YOUTH PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND STAFF

FROM: 412 FSS/CC

SUBJECT: Child and Youth Programs(CYP) COVID-19 Update – 12 September 2022

1. The Force Support Squadron considers the health and well-being of our community a priority and are providing this notification so that you are aware of the following processes and procedures.

2. The Edwards Child Development Center will no longer require quarantine for staff and children enrolled.

- a. Children enrolled in Child Development Center are not required to wear masks.
- b. Child exposure to an individual with COVID-19:

(1) Children may remain in care unless they develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19.

(2) Children are recommended to get tested on or after day five. Local testing options are listed below. Over-the-counter (at-home) antigen tests may be used.

(a) Kern County: https://www.kerncounty.com/government/covid-19-testing-sites

- (b) L.A. County: <u>https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/</u>
- (c) 412 Medical Group, Edwards AFB

<u>1</u> For all Active Duty and beneficiaries (including infants); All DoD/NAF employees (symptomatic/mission essential testing)

2 https://www.edwards.af.mil/coronavirus/

(3) If your child starts to feel sick or show symptoms, they should get tested right away even if they have had COVID-19 before.

(4) Refer to the CYP Illness Policy, emailed to CYP families on 18 August 2022, regarding possible symptoms that may cause the child to be sent home. A hard copy may be requested at the reception desk.

c. Child develops symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19:

(1) Child should isolate at home and notify CYP at the earliest opportunity. Upon notification, CYP can take additional steps to keep our programs safe.

(2) Isolate for at least five full days after your symptoms start, or after your first positive test date if you don't have symptoms.

- (a) Isolation may end if all the following apply:
 - 1 Child does not have a fever and symptoms are improving, and

<u>2</u> Child tests negative with two sequential negative antigen tests 48 hours apart. NOTE: This is due to children ages five and under unable to properly wear a mask

<u>3</u> Reference: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html</u>

- (b) Children that test positive on or after day five (or if you don't test):
 - 1 Isolate until symptoms improve, and
 - 2 Child has been fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.

3. The Edwards Youth Programs (School Age Care, Youth Center, Teen Center) will mirror all mask wear, quarantine/isolation procedures as identified on the Muroc Joint Unified School District (MJUSD) website:

https://www.muroc.k12.ca.us/district_information/c_o_v_i_d-19_information_and_resources

a. Youth enrolled in the program are are not required to wear masks.

b. Youth exposure to an individual with COVID-19 (MJUSD Tree 4):

(1) Youth may remain in care unless they develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19.

(2) Youth are recommended to wear a mask indoors for the next 10 days to prevent spreading COVID-19, in the event they become infected.

(3) Youth are recommended to get tested on or after day five. Local testing options are listed below. Over-the-counter (at-home) antigen tests may be used.

- (a) Kern County: <u>https://www.kerncounty.com/government/covid-19-testing-sites</u>
- (b) L.A. County: <u>https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/</u>

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(4) If your child starts to feel sick or show symptoms, they should get tested right away even if they have had COVID-19 before.

c. Youth develops symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19 (MJUSD Tree 3):

(1) Youth should isolate at home and notify CYP at the earliest opportunity. Upon notification, CYP can take additional steps to keep our programs safe.

(2) Isolate for at least five full days after your symptoms start, or after your first positive test date if you don't have symptoms.

(a) Isolation may end after five days if all the following apply:

1 Youth test negative using an antigen test on day five or later, and

2 Youth do not have a fever and symptoms are improving, and

 $\underline{3}$ Mask wear is required through day 10.

<u>a</u> NOTE: With two sequential negative antigen tests 48 hours apart, youth may remove their mask sooner than day 10.

<u>b</u> Reference: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html</u>

(b) Youth that test positive on or after day five (or if you don't test):

1 Isolate for 10 full days, and

 $\underline{2}$ Youth has been fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, per the CYP Illness Policy.

4. It is recommended that youth should stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations. Vaccination remains the best way to protect yourself against severe disease.

5. More information on the Edwards Air Force Base Public Health and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidance can be found on the following webpages:

- a. <u>https://www.edwards.af.mil/coronavirus/</u>
- b. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

6. For any Child and Youth Program questions/concerns, please contact the CYP Flight Chief, Mr. Anthony Coward, at (661) 277-6931 or <u>anthony.coward.1@us.af.mil</u>.

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As the Medical Advisor for Edwards Air Force Base Child and Youth Programs, I concur with the recommendations listed above.

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