

**DHCCDC**

**COVID 19**

**CARE**

**PLAN**

**2021 - 2022**

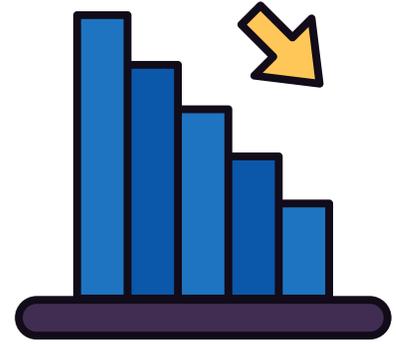
# GOVERNMENTAL AND ADVISING AGENCIES



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- 1 Center for Disease Control and Prevention
  - 2 American Academy of Pediatrics
  - 3 City of Atlanta Government
  - 4 State of Georgia including DECAL
  - 5 Atlanta Public Schools
  - 6 John Hopkins University COVID Website

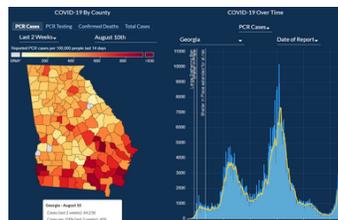


These bodies provide guidance and advice that the leadership of DHCDC use to make decisions that are specific for this community, its needs and resources .



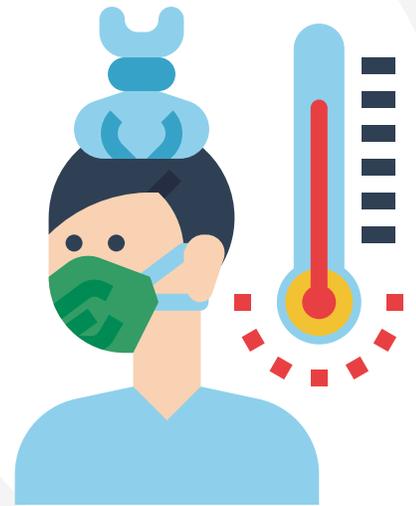
# DATA FOR DECISION MAKING

- 1 Community Transmission- used to determine the level of precautions needed at the center
- 2 Vaccination Coverage
- 3 Testing
- 4 Outbreaks- The presence of a confirmed COVID case in the building with the possibility of close contact with someone who is unvaccinated will lead to closing classrooms or the entire program as needed. This also applies to the schools our afterschool program serves.



STATE OVERVIEW			
New Cases	New Deaths	Total Cases	Testing Positivity
26,465	223	722,895	24.33%
18,142 (68.2%)	176 (79%)	496,814 (68.7%)	4,900 (20%)
VACCINE TRACKERS			
Doses Administered	People Fully Vaccinated	% of Population Fully Vaccinated	
9,518,280	4,292,670	41.26%	

# SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS



## COVID-19

(novel coronavirus)

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Learn more: [choa.org/COVID19](https://choa.org/COVID19)



## FLU

- Fever
- Cough
- Muscle aches and fatigue
- Sore throat
- Nausea and vomiting
- Diarrhea (sometimes in children)

Learn more: [choa.org/flu](https://choa.org/flu)



## COMMON COLD

(non-novel coronavirus)

- Cough
- Sore throat
- Aches and pains
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Watery eyes
- Sneezing



## ALLERGY

- Runny nose
- Sniffling
- Sneezing
- Itchy, watery eyes



## CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S DOCTOR



Stay home and contact your child's doctor if your child has:

- Low-grade fever
- Fatigue
- Cough
- Congestion
- Sore throat

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

## Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Know the symptoms of COVID-19, which can include the following:



# PREVENTION STRATEGIES

## LAYERS OF PROTECTIONS & PRECAUTIONS



DHDCDC has taken the approach of layering protective strategies against COVID-19 rather than relying on a single strategy to keep the community safe. The framework of our plan is based on the recommendations of the CDC. This plan is continuously reviewed and revisions may be made as circumstances change.

## PREVENTION STRATEGIES

# PROMOTING VACCINATIONS



1

Provide time off to staff for vaccination and recuperations

2

Provide \$100 bonus for becoming fully vaccinated

3

Staff-Required proof of vaccination or documentation of a religious or medical exemption. If a staff member is using an exemption semi-weekly surveillance testing and N-95 mask wearing is required.

4

Parents- Require proof of vaccination or use of virtual options and alternate pick-up and drop off person



COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and free!

## PREVENTION STRATEGIES

# MASKS & PPE



- 1 Worn by all staff indoors covering mouth and nose
- 2 Have replacement disposable masks for children, service providers/technicians and visitors
- 3 Require N-95 masks for all unvaccinated staff and service providers that work directly with children.
- 4 Require children in Hickory, Holly, Maple, Magnolia, Sycamore and Willow to wear masks.
- 5 Gloves, smocks and masks are required of staff when caring for children.



Covers your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin.

Fits snugly against the sides of your face. N95 masks are preferred for all adults regardless of vaccination status.



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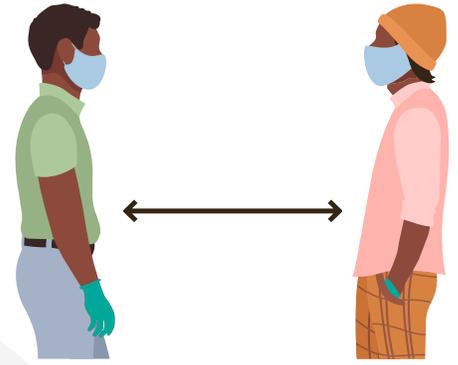
# HANDWASHING AND RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

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- 1** Require staff and children to use the World Health Organization's technique for handwashing
- 2** Remind staff and children verbally and with signage about when and how to wash their hands to prevent the spread of germs.
- 3** Provide hand sanitizer at each entrance and throughout the building .



Cover coughs and sneezes using an elbow or a tissue when not wearing a mask. Dispose of the tissue and clean hands immediately either with soap and water or a hand rub containing at least 60% alcohol.



## PREVENTION STRATEGIES

# PHYSICAL DISTANCING

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1

Limit the people in the building to staff, children and emergency service providers.

2

The transition to vaccinated parents in the building will begin when the pandemic is at a solid stage 4. Vaccinated parents will not be allowed in the classroom, their time in the building must be less than ten minutes and they must adhere to their sign up times on Sign-up Genius to help us manage the number of people in the building.

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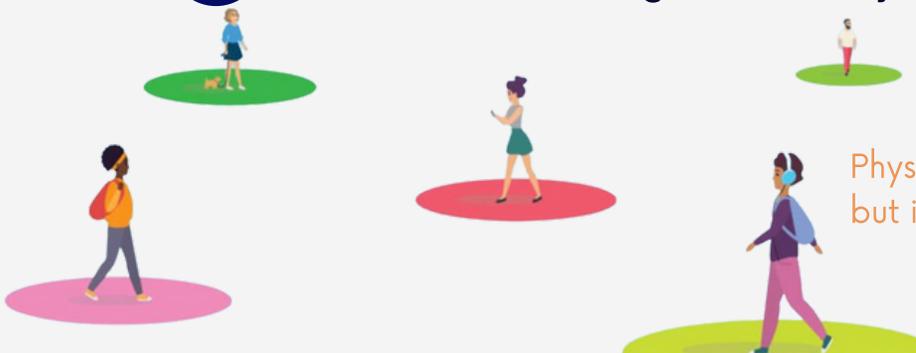
Cots are placed as far apart as the space in the room will allow. Furniture and head to toe arrangements are used to facilitate distancing as well.

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Use Willow, Cedar and the library as overflow space for physical distancing.

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To the extent staffing levels will allow, co-hort children and adults throughout the day.



Physical distancing is ideally 6 feet but is at least 3 feet



## PREVENTION STRATEGIES

# PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- 1 If attending a large gathering, DHCDC reserves the right to require a 14 day quarantine and a negative PCR test result
- 2 All DHCDC family and program events will be virtual or cancelled if a virtual option is not available or comparable
- 3 All Parent Council events are to be virtual or done with multiple layers of COVID precautions
- 4 All DHCDC community members are encouraged to practice physical distancing as a lifestyle choice regardless of vaccination status
- 5 Use floor markers and signs to encourage physical distancing.



Zoom and Google meets are DHCDC preferred platforms for virtual meetings .



# PREVENTION STRATEGIES

# VENTILATION

- 1 All staff is encouraged to open a window throughout the day.
- 2 Portable air conditioners and fans are added to classrooms and common spaces as needed to aid in circulation
- 3 Air conditioning units are serviced quarterly to assured proper circulation and function.
- 4 Ionizers added to all AC units to improve air quality



# PREVENTION STRATEGIES STAY HOME WHEN SICK AND GET TESTED



1

Any DHCDC community member who had any of the signs or symptoms of COVID is required to disclose that immediately, leave the campus, quarantine and take a COVID test at the appropriate time.

2

All staff will participate in surveillance testing with unvaccinated staff required to submit a negative COVID test semi-weekly

3

Any person who tests positive for COVID should receive care from a health care provider and follow that provider's advice for care and when to return to work/care.

4

Health check and temperature check is to be completed and recorded on Brightwheel.

5

Children with runny noses or cough as the only symptoms will be excluded from care for 24 hours and must provide a doctor's note. The note is valid for three weeks.





## PREVENTION STRATEGIES

# TRAVEL-DOMESTIC

- 1** **Vaccinated** : If all the people who are traveling are vaccinated and the people who are being visited are vaccinated as well, no quarantine is needed. Observe and report any symptoms through Brightwheel
- 2** **Unvaccinated including children:** Seven day quarantine is required with a negative test result taken on the fifth day
- 3** If the visit is to a state with a test positivity rate of >10%, DHCDC reserves the right to required a 14 day quarantine and negative test results regardless of status
- 4** All travel must be disclosed on Brightwheel for seven days.
- 5** **Business Travelers:** DHCDC requests that business travelers participate in surveillance testing, wear masks while traveling and physical distance



The CDC recommends that people delay travel until they are fully vaccinated.



# PREVENTION STRATEGIES

# TRAVEL-INTERNATIONAL

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- 1** **Vaccinated and Unvaccinated-** DHCDC requires a 7 day quarantine with a negative test result after the fifth day.
- 2** DHCDC reserves the right to request a full 14 day quarantine if the area visited is designated as level three or four by the CDC or if we do not have proof that some who traveled (including children) are fully immunized.
- 3** International travel must be disclosed on Brightwheel as you return to care after quarantine.



Proof of vaccination for both domestic and international travel should be submitted to DHCDC before returning to care.



## PREVENTION STRATEGIES

# CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

- 1 Continue enhanced washing and cleaning schedule.
- 2 Rooms are cleaned by teachers throughout the day and twice a day by a day porter.
- 3 Common spaces and high touch items are cleaned throughout the day .
- 4 Wipes and disinfectants are distributed weekly to support on-going cleaning efforts of classroom items and furniture.

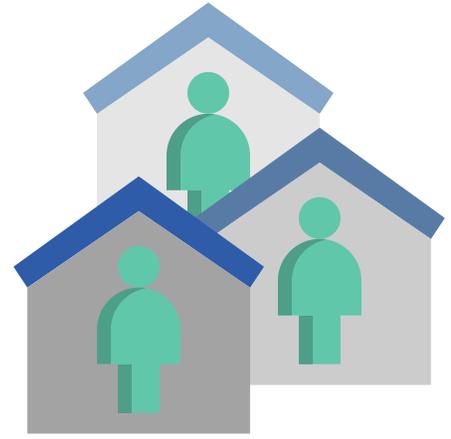


DHCDC uses a hydrogen peroxide based disinfectant that is on the EPA's N list for being effective against COVID-19. Bleach is used for disinfecting purposes as well.



## RESPONSE STRATEGIES

# QUARANTINE



1

Quarantine if you have been in close contact (within 6 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone who has COVID-19, unless you have been fully vaccinated.

2

People who are fully vaccinated do NOT need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19 unless they have symptoms. However, fully vaccinated people must get tested 3-5 days after their exposure and submit the results. Use of N-95 mask is also required until results are submitted.

3

If unvaccinated including children:

- Stay home for 7 days with a negative test taken on or after the fifth day after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19.
- Watch for fever (100.4 ° F), cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.

If possible, stay away from people you live with, especially people who are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.

The PCR test is strongly preferred.





## RESPONSE STRATEGIES

# COVID AND SPOT HOLD FEES

- 1 Each family will be charged \$50.00 per child per month until we reach level 5 and stay at that level for 4 weeks.
- 2 Funds are used to pay for supplies and expenses that are over and above the the items needed during regular operations
- 3 Supplies-Masks (N-95 masks, disposable, masks for small faces) disinfectants, gloves, smocks, fans, thermometers, tents, umbrellas, technology upgrades, hand sanitizer, etc.
- 4 Expenses- increased prices on high demand items including food, deep cleanings, during the day cleaning, surveillance testing, HR supports and COVID safety upgrades.
- 5 In the event of a closure, the affected families will be charge \$80.00 per week per child.



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# RESPONSE STRATEGIES

# STRESS MANAGEMENT

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- 1 Staffing pattern allows for time off and continued operations.
- 2 Staff pattern allows for breaks and planning time.
- 3 Announced and unannounced activities to show appreciation and build camaraderie amongst the staff.
- 4 Planned activities that address the eight dimensions of wellness.



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