

COE Child Care Chat 2.7.22

I will be listening in via

From Nora Caruso (she/her) to Everyone 10:02 AM

Thanks so much for all of the supplies!

From amy fair to Everyone 10:02 AM

Thank you to all who did so much work to make Saturday happen!!!

From Lisa Hindman Holbert to Everyone 10:02 AM

Thank you so much!!

From Amy Warren to Everyone 10:02 AM

Thank you!!

From Destiny Malone to Everyone 10:03 AM

Thank you so much 🙏

From Angelica Renteria to Everyone 10:03 AM

Thank you so much for your coordination and support!

From Irene Aguirre to Everyone 10:04 AM

Thank you!!!

From Caitlin Clancy to Everyone 10:04 AM

I was unable to come due to isolating for covid.....One of my staff members has offered to pick up supplies today if any are still supplies available?

From Lisa Hirahara-Cabrillo College to Everyone 10:05 AM

You're all amazing. Thank you!

From Lily Hasebe to Everyone 10:05 AM

The distribution was amazing as are those who coordinated it and spent their Saturday morning out there for us. THANK YOU!

From Hilda to Me (Direct Message) 10:06 AM

Hi Diane, I'm having trouble hearing. I'll try again

From Erendira Guerrero (She, Her, Ella) to Everyone 10:08 AM

Agree Lisa , same here in Head Start. We are reporting.

From Angelica Renteria to Everyone 10:08 AM

yes, we received the same message, they want to hear of all cases, regardless

From Carolyn's iPhone to Everyone 10:09 AM

You guys are absolutely amazing!!!! Thank you so much for taking the time to do the distribution. I loved getting a bag full of well needed items. All you guys are so appreciated ❤️

From Mindy to Everyone 10:11 AM

Coast Redwoods Montessori

From Paulette Carney to Everyone 10:12 AM

UCSC-Closed Preschool for 4 days

UCSC-Closed Toddler Care for two days

From Alison Steinberg to Everyone 10:12 AM

EES-we didn't close the whole center, but did close the toddler room once for 4 days, and the preschool room for a full week

From Stephanie Simmons Coastal Community Preschool to Everyone 10:12 AM

We had one classroom close, but only for 1 day, because of how long it took to get a test result and we had the holiday on our side.

From Destiny Malone to Everyone 10:12 AM

LifeSpring has had to close twice, and I'm still not certain it won't happen again. We are sticking to ten days for any positives, no exceptions. We are allowing to test back after day five days for exposed if negative

From Erendira Guerrero (She, Her, Ella) to Everyone 10:12 AM

Head Start we have had multiple centers closed, still doing 10 day after exposure

From lis clark to Everyone 10:12 AM

Seeds of knowledge closed Monday-Friday last week. Opened again today

From kimberley Saxton to Everyone 10:12 AM

Santa Cruz Montessori - We have not had to close the campus, but have had two classrooms close for 3 days on a couple of occasions.

From Angelica Renteria to Everyone 10:12 AM

5 licensed Providers associated with MSHS have closed between January and February, days of closure are according to when the exposure happened

From Alison Steinberg to Everyone 10:12 AM

Oops UCSC Early Education Services closed Toddlers for 2 days

From Laura Tobias to Everyone 10:12 AM

Bridges to Kinder, hasn't had to close yet. We are following very strict guidelines. Hoping that this trend continues.

From Kathryn Berens to Everyone 10:13 AM

st Stephen's closed 1/6-opened 1/18

From VICKY GUERRERO to Everyone 10:13 AM

Highlands Park (Community Bridges) 6 days.

From Lisa Hirahara-Cabrillo College to Everyone 10:13 AM

Cabrillo Children's Center. Our center staggered our closing for 10 days per classroom due to all three of our classes having covid cases...combination of teachers and children.

From Megan Baroni to Everyone 10:13 AM

Rocking Horse Ranch closed for 4 hours (One session) on 1/12

From Teresa Maguire to Everyone 10:13 AM

Capitola child care closed for 4 days as my family member got COVID over a long Christmas vacation. No daycare kids were exposed so we did not have the whole ten days.

From Ana Villafuerte to Everyone 10:13 AM

YWCA of Watsonville-10 days.

From Nora Caruso (she/her) to Everyone 10:13 AM

We closed three times - each time for two or three days

From Mindy to Everyone 10:13 AM

Little Acorns Montessori and Little Acorns Montessori all have had quarantine periods. None closed 100% because we have some children who were able to attend with no quarantine. but children out 5 - 10 days depending on age and scenario.

From Sara to Everyone 10:13 AM

Can't remember dates off hand but: Discovery in Soquel closed 5 days, The Farm closed 5 days and Midtown Discovery closed 5 days

From Irene Aguirre to Everyone 10:14 AM

Irene Aguirre's Daycare closed 5 days

From Lily Hasebe to Everyone 10:14 AM

NCC closed two separate rooms. Closed for 10 days, but that included a week book-ended by weekends.

From Noel Schermann - CKC to Everyone 10:15 AM

Campus Kids Connection: Opal Cliffs, Santa Cruz Gardens, Alturas Infant/Toddler Center all closed for periods of time in January

From Maria Castro to Everyone 10:15 AM

In January, MHS Santa Cruz closed two family childcare homes;

From Nora Caruso (she/her) to Everyone 10:15 AM

SCTCC - two out of three of our closures were due to low staffing issues - once because a staff member had covid and another time when we were waiting for a symptomatic staff member to test negative

Me to Noel Schermann - CKC (Direct Message) 10:17 AM

Noel, do you have the number of days at each site? Thank you

From Angelica Renteria to Everyone 10:17 AM

I hope everyone has applied for their 4 free tests per household

From Anne Striffler to Everyone 10:18 AM

Wheelock Orchard Preschool & Family Child Care has not closed since Oct. 2021. No exposure at school so far. A few children have had to stay home and quarantine due to exposure to siblings in elementary schools who tested positive, or family members. We are only open 3 days per week so this may have helped in this situation. Open Tues/Wed/Thurs.

From Amy Warren to Everyone 10:18 AM

We just reopened and were closed for 10 days here at GiggleZ in Aptos.

From Irene Aguirre to Everyone 10:19 AM

sorry Irene Aguirre closed 10 days

From Lisa Hirahara-Cabrillo College to Everyone 10:19 AM

Could you please repeat that date to Faris? Thank you!

From Lisa Hindman Holbert to Everyone 10:19 AM

Community Bridges closed Nuevo Dia 2 days, Sycamore Street 5 days and Highlands Park 4 days.

From Sara to Everyone 10:19 AM

Sorry, what was the date the masking mandate will stop?

From Megan Baroni to Everyone 10:19 AM

February 15th

From Lisa Hirahara-Cabrillo College to Everyone 10:20 AM

Thank you Megan!

From Noel Schermann - CKC to Me (Direct Message) 10:20 AM

Toddler Center 6 business days, Opal jr preschool room 4 business days, Opal older preschool room 6 business days, Santa Cruz Gardens older preschool room 4 business days.

Me to Lisa Hindman Holbert (Direct Message) 10:20 AM

Date for masking will expire on 2.15.22.

From Erendira Guerrero (She, Her, Ella) to Everyone 10:21 AM

Not for Head Start, the masking mandate is in the Performance Standards so that would need to change first. for HS programs.

From Maria Castro to Everyone 10:23 AM

Do I cancel my PO for hundreds of masks?!

From Angelica Renteria to Everyone 10:25 AM

I canceled my PO last week

From Carolyn's iPhone to Everyone 10:26 AM

Carol's Sweet Tots Daycare has not had to close since reopening in August 2020.

From Nora Caruso (she/her) to Everyone 10:26 AM

Is Inspire still offering boosters on Wednesdays?

From Sara to Everyone 10:28 AM

Question: Can you give us any updates for secondary exposures (for example, a preschooler's family member has tested positive and preschooler is testing negative). Is it still true that the preschooler begins an isolation period AFTER the family member's isolation period ends?

From Caitlin Clancy to Everyone 10:32 AM

Follow up to Sara's question: If they are isolating strictly to a different room does this still apply?

Thank you

From Erendira Guerrero (She, Her, Ella) to Everyone 10:32 AM

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/exploring-head-start-program-performance-standards/article/summary-vaccine-mask-requirements-mitigate-spread-covid-19-head-start-programs>

From Sara to Everyone 10:35 AM

Another question for the group: teachers have preschool aged children of their own and missing work. Any creative ideas for sick pay?

From Mindy to Everyone 10:35 AM

Our proctor is providing a letter noting that they proctored the test with child name, date of test, result of test for positives.

From Lisa Hirahara-Cabrillo College to Everyone 10:35 AM

We had a child who tested positive after day 5. This child was a part of the "small" batch of Inspire's PCR tests that all came back with positive results, who then were sent negative results that same day

From Angelica Renteria to Everyone 10:36 AM

Thank you Erendira, this is in the interim final rule, I wonder if the masking part will expire once the CDC changes guidance. I will follow up with the Grantee.

From Megan Baroni to Everyone 10:40 AM

I thought antigen testing was still recommended

Just to be clear, if someone is within their 90 days and is directly exposed they only need to test (Two antigen) if symptoms occur. This is the same for vaccinated children

Thank you!

From Lisa Hindman Holbert to Everyone 10:45 AM

A lot of people are testing positive with antigen after day 10

With or without a test, day 10 is our policy as well.

We saw that the PCR test was too early.

From Irene Bonilla to Everyone 10:47 AM

Is the encinal st clinic open today in the morning?

From Megan Baroni to Everyone 10:49 AM

We pay our staff for any days they are home with an exposure

*exposure

From kimberley Saxton to Everyone 10:49 AM

We have given 5 additional days of sick COVID pay for those that test positive or have a family member that test positive.

From Kathryn Berens to Everyone 10:50 AM

we pay the absent days but we are small

From Stephanie Simmons Coastal Community Preschool to Everyone 10:50 AM

We have given the teacher 10 personnel COVID days and then after that, they use their PTO. If the school closes, we cover the teachers, they do not use their PTO or COVID days.

From Lisa Hindman Holbert to Everyone 10:51 AM

Negative sick pay, work from home. We need to elevate our voices around this.

From Nora Caruso (she/her) to Everyone 10:52 AM

We pay our teachers when we're closed - find work they can do at home or around the center.

From kimberley Saxton to Everyone 10:52 AM

That would make a HUGE difference, Faris.

From Faris Sabbah (He/Him) to Everyone 10:52 AM

AB84 Bill for COVID Sick Leave

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billStatusClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB84

From Sara to Everyone 10:52 AM

I wanted to clarify that Newsom's tax credit would be for employers who have 26+ employees. If you're smaller, it would n't apply

From Donna Cherie to Everyone 10:52 AM

How about approaching the banks for additional PPP funding?

From Sara to Everyone 10:54 AM

Yes, Lisa, just look at this screen... all of us women... most of us mamas

From Destiny Malone to Everyone 10:55 AM

If all my staff were to actually be at work on a given day we would be over staffed by 3 or 4 ...it's killing us

From Anne Striffler to Everyone 10:56 AM

In my very small child care program I cannot pay sick pay. My teachers are 1099. The problem for me is not charging families for any sick days during this time. My monthly income has gone down. All I can do is hang in there until this is over. I can't even imagine how hard this is for larger programs.

From Crissy Roubal to Everyone 10:56 AM

Thank you Sita and company for the supplies this weekend.

From Anne Striffler to Everyone 10:57 AM

Yes. Thanks so much.

From Lisa Hindman Holbert to Everyone 10:57 AM

This is temporary and we will get through this.

From Kathy Lathrop to Everyone 10:58 AM

I have such respect for all of you and your honesty and tenacity in coping with all of this.

From Maria Castro to Everyone 10:59 AM

How can we promote this as a reasonable career plan with all that's happened recently?

From Nora Caruso (she/her) to Everyone 10:59 AM

It's a supply/demand issue - funders are more likely to support families, rather than teachers/centers. So there's always going to be plenty of demand, and not enough supply

From Paulette Carney to Everyone 11:00 AM

It's really a shame that UCSC will not share AB131 Stipend Funds with our childcare staff. The money was intended to stimulate the childcare programs and incentivize our teaching staff. How can Teachers feel supported if no additional funds are given to them when the language states that the programs should be given back to staff?

From Erendira Guerrero (She, Her, Ella) to Everyone 11:00 AM

Agree, capacity and sustainability are an issue for big and small programs. Let's continue to support each other and our families :o)

From Mindy to Everyone 11:00 AM

I was looking at numbers of children for next year with the expanded TK programs. By the time UTK rolls out, in just a couple years, our enrollment could drop by 1/3. I would like to understand more about what the COE means by "wrap around services" for preschool care.

From Kimberley Saxton to Everyone 11:01 AM

I really do think things will ease up once the vaccine is available for younger children.

From Anne Striffler to Everyone 11:01 AM

We're into the nitty gritty now!

From Erendira Guerrero (She, Her, Ella) to Everyone 11:01 AM

Nice to see you all, need to jump off.

From Lisa Hindman Holbert to Everyone 11:02 AM

Excellent advocacy, Amy.

From Anne Striffler to Everyone 11:02 AM

Amy! YES, Yes, yes

From Sara to Everyone 11:02 AM

Teacher Tom wrote an excellent piece on TK issue

From Maria Castro to Everyone 11:03 AM

A network of trained, in home, vaccinated caregivers to care for families with no alternatives during our close downs?

From Lisa Hindman Holbert to Everyone 11:03 AM

Yes @Maria.

From Lisa Hirahara-Cabrillo College to Everyone 11:03 AM

Thank you everyone!

From Anne Striffler to Everyone 11:03 AM

?Anthony...who?

From Brenda Ruiz to Me (Direct Message) 11:03 AM

Are we meeting next Monday?

it's a holiday

From Faris Sabbah (He/Him) to Everyone 11:04 AM

Please let me know if you need to get authorization for testing at the drive thru
fsabbah@santacruzcoe.org

From Amy Warren to Everyone 11:04 AM

Anthony Studebaker from Licensing

From Megan Baroni to Everyone 11:04 AM

Thanks everyone!

From Maria Castro to Everyone 11:04 AM

I don't know the names but I was told that at the higher levels of licensing they are discussing TK and its impact....

From Mindy to Everyone 11:04 AM

nope no holidays!

From amy fair to Everyone 11:04 AM

You deserve the break!! Enjoy!

From Anne Striffler to Everyone 11:04 AM

So no meetings on those Mondays?

From Nora Caruso (she/her) to Everyone 11:05 AM

See you all in three weeks

From NBCC Karyn Schmidt to Everyone 11:05 AM

Thank you for everything and we appreciate all the work you share with us and the time you took to put together the pick up this weekend!

From pam cayton to Everyone 11:05 AM

Thank you everyone!

From Maria Castro to Everyone 11:05 AM

How are we going to survive without our Monday support group?!

From Irene Aguirre to Everyone 11:05 AM

Thank you

Lisa Sandoval If you want to talk I can or I can send you what we are doing. Just let me know.