

Child Care Briefing Meeting 1.31.22

Good Morning

From Irene Aguirre to Everyone 09:58 AM

Good morning!!

From Megan Baroni to Everyone 09:59 AM

Good morning!

From Amy Warren to Everyone 10:06 AM

Good Morning everyone! Has anyone had someone get COVID with the "90-day bubble"? I was under the impression a child could attend school with a direct exposure if they can prove with a positive PCR. Well I have a case where there was a positive documented case during Christmas and now just tested positive PCR again... heIIIIllp

From Lisa Hindman Holbert to Everyone 10:09 AM

Oh no, Amy. I have heard 60 days, but that sounds like a 30-day window.

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

Waiting for new guidance from whom? CDHP?

From Ramona McCabe (she, her), Head Start Encompass to Everyone 10:13 AM

Will there be more training for testing for child care staff?

Me to Nora Caruso (she/her) (Direct Message) 10:13 AM

Yes, CDPH

From Amy Fair to Everyone 10:13 AM

At what point do you send someone to get a PCR test vs. an Antigen? The PCR is taking several days so parents are giving push back with that...

From Lisa Hindman Holbert to Everyone 10:15 AM

Yeah, it freaks us out.

From Irene Bonilla to Everyone 10:15 AM

One of my teachers is in the same situation

From Lisa Hindman Holbert to Everyone 10:16 AM

Without symptoms though

From Nora Caruso (she/her) to Everyone 10:16 AM

Are you hearing about anyone with positive antigen but negative PCR? This happened with a family member in Santa Barbara and they were told it could be Omicron BA2?

From Stephanie Simmons Coastal Community Preschool to Everyone 10:16 AM

There is a new variant of Omicron BA.2!

From Nora Caruso (she/her) to Everyone 10:18 AM

Any news on CUE testing for teachers?

From Stephanie Simmons Coastal Community Preschool to Everyone 10:19 AM

Update on the PCR Vans for teachers.

From Yvonne Escobar to Everyone 10:20 AM

when you reference childcare are you meaning the preschools on campus or are you referencing ALL childcares? as in family child care homes? As a family childcare home. I was told by public health we follow different guidelines and I am very confused

From Mindy to Everyone 10:22 AM

You have been strongly encouraging antigen tests, but last week when a couple of exposed teachers went to get tests, they were turned away. told only public teachers allowed to have rapid tests. They did get PCR. I am wondering if families will have the same problem getting rapid tests for children.

From Yvonne Escobar to Everyone 10:23 AM

thank you

From Mindy to Everyone 10:24 AM

I imagine childcare licensing similarly requires that childcare centers follow the "guidelines"

From Maria Castro to Everyone 10:26 AM

Origin of "mandate" : Latin--something commanded

From Lisa Hindman Holbert to Everyone 10:26 AM

We have!

From Megan Baroni to Everyone 10:27 AM

We were told by public health that they encouraged us to stay open as long as we were able to do it safely

From Anne Striffler to Everyone 10:28 AM

Lots of families asked to keep children home and there has been a great deal of lost money. As have many other businesses. Very hard! Perhaps there will be some new grants to cover this situation.

From Faris Sabbah (He/Him) to Everyone 10:28 AM

Under operative executive orders, State Public Health Officer Order of June 11, 2021, Cal/OSHA Workplace Safety and Health Regulations, and provisions of the California Health and Safety Code, preschools and Childcare providers must comply with orders and guidance issued by the California Department of Public Health and relevant local health departments to limit the spread of COVID-19 and protect public health.

From Maria Castro to Everyone 10:29 AM

Is there a clear, official letter that she could give to parents explaining the legality of these guidelines?

Never mind--Faris just sent it...

From Hailey Villa-Brightman to Everyone 10:29 AM

I came in late, can anyone fill me in on what regulation we are talking about?

From Tricia Pastor-Cabrillo College to Everyone 10:30 AM

As a county of early care professionals, it's very important to be united with COVID procedure implementation. Otherwise, we are really confusing families.

From Amy Warren to Everyone 10:30 AM

I tell parents we follow CDPH guidelines and they see the documentation from k-12 and get frustrated when we then say we are different. It would be great to have guidance written and clear to parents.

From Nora Caruso (she/her) to Everyone 10:31 AM

I agree, Tricia.

From Sara Balla to Everyone 10:31 AM

I agree, Tricia.

From Ramona McCabe (she, her), Head Start Encompass to Everyone 10:32 AM

We need to be firm and kind. We are working on keeping children safe and keeping our doors open

From Teresa Vasquez García to Everyone 10:32 AM

Hola tengo pregunta si una mamá estuvo expuesta el viernes en su trabajo y estuvo con su niña el fin de semana cuántos días no puede venir la bebe

From Sara Balla to Everyone 10:33 AM

At one of my sites, the parents held a "secret meeting" and agreed to stay home if sick and not tell us if there is a positive case!!!!

From Faris Sabbah (He/Him) to Everyone 10:33 AM

Yes - please be kind to yourselves, your staff, and your community

From Sara Balla to Everyone 10:33 AM

Lisa, yes, Public Health has stopped calling us back too.

From Faris Sabbah (He/Him) to Everyone 10:34 AM

Not ok for Public Health not to be responding

I will reach out to them today

I am sorry I have to go

From Amy Warren to Everyone 10:34 AM

We haven't had a response after SPOT as well.

From Mindy to Everyone 10:35 AM

For me, the time spent doing all of the required notifications, and answering questions is overwhelming and takes my focus away from providing great education and employee support.

From Nora Caruso (she/her) to Everyone 10:36 AM

Agreed, Mindy.

From Tricia Pastor-Cabrillo College to Everyone 10:36 AM

We follow exactly the same procedure Lisa!

From Amy Fair to Everyone 10:36 AM

A non COVID question...we are working on the budget for next year and wondered if anyone would be willing to share if they are increasing tuition and if so by how much? (percentage)

From Megan Baroni to Everyone 10:37 AM

Lisa, you mentioned 10-day quarantine. Per the info we got last week, aren't we able to switch to 5-day quarantine, back on day 6 with negative test and improving symptoms>

From Amy Warren to Me (Direct Message) 10:37 AM

I'm sorry I couldn't understand

From Amy Fair to Everyone 10:38 AM

That's what we've been told as well. Regardless of masking. so our under two's could also come back and we were told we could not restrict them, So frustrating if you're trying to do the right thing

From Nora Caruso (she/her) to Everyone 10:40 AM

An exposure to an exposure is not an exposure.

From Stephanie Arguelles to Everyone 10:40 AM

Day 6-10 requires strict masking. When this happened at Discovery, public health told us to follow 10-day quarantine since we could not guarantee children could "appropriately and diligently" wear masks.

From Megan Baroni to Everyone 10:40 AM

Okay, thank you for clarifying!

From Mindy to Everyone 10:40 AM

We send children to a modified quarantine home for lunch and nap.

From Alison Steinberg to Everyone 10:41 AM

For the masking 6-10 days, we told parents they had two options 1. Keep them home for the full 10 days or 2. Pick up for lunch and nap time

From Sara Balla to Everyone 10:41 AM

That's so true Kathy!!

From Lisa Hindman Holbert to Everyone 10:43 AM

Yes, that's right. ugh. I'm so sorry. It's really so hard.

From Nora Caruso (she/her) to Everyone 10:43 AM

https://www.npr.org/2022/01/20/1074182352/unvaccinated-young-kids-child-care-parents-omicron-disruptions?utm_term=nprnews&utm_campaign=npr&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook.com&fbclid=IwAR3vAKPZagOtgT9uXRfX0gdUiuVsY1KG85nwkcY7L5veKwAkNJWhVyW9a5M

From Anne Striffler to Everyone 10:45 AM

Thank you, Nora, going to read immediately after this meeting.

From Kristen to Everyone 10:47 AM

Yes Nora, I think we can all agree these past few weeks have been the hardest since March 2020 for sure! Thank you for all your support everyone!

From Lisa Hindman Holbert to Everyone 10:48 AM

And the mental health of all.

From Megan Baroni to Everyone 10:49 AM

Hopefully public health can acknowledge that soon as well and we can make some changes for these kids!

From Tricia Pastor-Cabrillo College to Everyone 10:49 AM

Thanks Nora...sending this out today to staff and families.

From Nora Caruso (she/her) to Everyone 10:50 AM

We test weekly. I'm about to run out of tests though... After next week I will ask parents to do weekly surveillance testing through Cabrillo - antigen or PCR until we're through this surge.

From Lisa Hindman Holbert to Everyone 10:50 AM

We follow up antigen test with another 24-48 hours later.

From Megan Baroni to Everyone 10:51 AM

Yes please!

From Mindy to Everyone 10:52 AM

Sadly, Public Health, and licensing are just as buried as we are!

From Amy Warren to Everyone 10:53 AM

Yes please! I would like to cover all our bases with all agencies together so all are on the same page. I think we all want to be helping the parents and children all while staying within all regulations.

From Stephanie Simmons Coastal Community Preschool to Everyone 10:54 AM

yep, Samantha showed up on Friday, Dec. 17th right before winter break.

From Megan Baroni to Everyone 10:55 AM

Do we need to submit the form every time there is an exposure?

Or just a positive case?

From Stephanie Simmons Coastal Community Preschool to Everyone 10:55 AM

You will know when they are coming, they call and ask if anyone in your school has tested positive for COVID in the last 14 days.

From Crissy Roubal to Everyone 10:55 AM

Report even if there isn't an exposure

From iPad to Me (Direct Message) 10:56 AM

Good Morning everyone

I have a question; the family will need to get tested again before coming back to daycare? This is the first time this has happened at my daycare since the pandemic started. One of our families, the father was exposed at work so he tested positive. The children were here at daycare on a Monday. That same day mother had to leave work she wasn't feeling well and got tested and came out positive.

From Amy Fair to Everyone 10:57 AM

The licensing webinar last week said, any and all...

From Megan Baroni to Everyone 10:58 AM

Ha Ha, exactly Melanie!

From Alison Steinberg to Everyone 10:58 AM

I mean that's everyone at this point. Omg.

From Anne Striffler to Everyone 10:59 AM

I am only going to report if a child in the program tests positive

From Lisa Hindman Holbert to Everyone 10:59 AM

Get 2 analysts that agree.

From Anne Striffler to Everyone 10:59 AM

Yes, an analyst would be great to clarify this...

From Melanie Sluggett to Everyone 11:01 AM

Gotta go another zoom thanks everyone

From NBCC Karyn Schmidt to Everyone 11:03 AM

We have this book, it's fabulous! The pictures are embossed. We invite the children to close their eyes and feel the pictures while they listen.

Thank you!

From Tricia Pastor-Cabrillo College to Everyone 11:04 AM

Thank you, Diane, that was lovely.

From Pam Cayton to Everyone 11:04 AM

Thank you!

From Lisa Hirahara- Cabrillo College Children's Center to Everyone 11:04 AM

Thank you! That was beautiful!

From Amy Warren to Everyone 11:04 AM

Thanks again everyone! 😊

From Anne Striffler to Everyone 11:04 AM

Thank you, Diane...a lovely book that almost made me cry because of all we are holding and holding in.

From Kimberly Burkett #3/1 to Everyone 11:04 AM

Thank you