

Covid Response

Returning to Little Friends after illness- 2020 marks a very different time in our program. Significant steps must be taken to protect the health and safety of everyone at LF. LF will be following the CDC guidelines, including when it is safe to return to LF. LF asks that you follow these guidelines.

Children with symptoms will be evaluated by their medical provider

-If testing for COVID-19 is not recommended for the child based on medical judgment, they may return to LF after they are symptom free for 24 hours with no fever reducing medication. A doctor's note is required.

-If Covid-19 testing is negative, they may return when symptom free and no fever reducing medication for 24 hours. A doctor's note and test results are required.

-If Covid-19 testing is positive, CDC guidelines should be followed for isolation and child should not return to LF until isolation is completed (at least 10 days from when symptom began and 3 days symptom free with no fever reducing medication). A doctor's note is required.

Individualization of child specific chronic symptoms (allergies for example) will be treated on an individual basis.

Siblings of ill, but not diagnosed children- Siblings of ill children will also be sent home and will need to meet Covid return criteria as well.

Exposed to Covid- Children who have been exposed to Covid -19 should not return to school until they have met CDC isolation requirements: The CDC recommends 14 days of isolation following exposure.

Covid at Little Friends- should a case occur at LF, the following steps will be taken:

- Maine CDC and DHHS will be contacted
- All families will be informed
- The Center will close according to CDC guidelines (they determine length)
- exposed children and families should isolate

