



COVID-19 EVLC Protocol

The safety and well-being of our children, families, and staff is our top priority at East Valley Learning Center. With the spread of COVID-19, new health and safety protocols are necessary to ensure children, families, and staff members are as safe as possible.

Monitor Symptoms of COVID-19

Administration is required to check for COVID-19 symptoms when children and staff arrive. This will be done in the office before entering the school. Only enrolled children and staff are allowed past the security door.

Children

- Temperature check. If a child's temperature is 100.4 or above, the child should be excluded from care. Cough and/or diarrhea in addition to fever is suggestive of coronavirus.
- Visually check the child for signs of illness, including flushed cheeks, rapid or difficulty breathing (without recent physical activity), fatigue, or extreme fussiness.
- Continue to monitor symptoms throughout the day and monitor temperatures when children appear ill or "not themselves".
- Children with a fever alone, or a fever with a cough and/or diarrhea should be isolated from the group and their parents contacted for prompt pick up.

Staff

- Temperature check. Staff arriving with a fever 100.4 or other symptoms must be sent home.
- Screen for fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea.

Respond to Possible or Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

- Immediately isolate a child or staff member that develops fever, chills, shortness or breath, new cough, or new loss of taste or smell and send them home as soon as possible.
- While waiting for a sick child to be picked up, a caregiver will stay with the child isolated from others in the office. If the child has symptoms of COVID-19, the caregiver should wear a cloth face covering and if the child is over the age of 2, the child should also wear a cloth face covering.
- **Report exposure.** We will notify Maricopa County Department of Public Health of confirmed COVID-19 case(s) among children and/or staff.

Protocol for Returning to Care and Work

Staff members and children should stay home and self-isolate if they show symptoms of COVID-19. It can be challenging to determine when to isolate young children because they are ill more often than adults, and the cause of a fever is sometimes unknown.

If a staff member or child exhibits multiple symptoms of COVID-19, you suspect possible exposure, or an individual tests positive for COVID-19, the individual must stay home until:

- Has been fever-free for at least 72 hours without the use of medicine that reduces fevers.

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- Other symptoms have improved.

Drop off and Pick up

To minimize the potential spread of COVID-19 the following is implemented at EVLC:

- Only 3 families at a time in the office during drop off and pick up. If there is not space in the lobby, please wait outside the doors.
- Families are asked to allow 6 feet of distance between one another during drop off and pick up while in the lobby.
- Parents are required to wear a mask during drop off and pick up.
- Parents are not allowed past the lobby. A staff member will walk your child to the restroom to wash hands then take them to their classroom. Infant parents are allowed to take their child to their classroom after temperature check and wearing a mask.
- Hand sanitizer is available at the check in/out station for when you are done signing the pad.

Best Practices to Minimize the Spread of Germs

Hand Washing

Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. This is especially important after blowing your nose, coughing, sneezing, going to the bathroom, coming in from playground, and before/after eating.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

We will continue with CDC's cleaning protocol, while cleaning all surfaces that are touched multiple times a day.

Face Coverings

Wearing a face covering is not for the protection of the wearer but rather for those around them. Given the possibility of asymptomatic transmission occurring.

- Staff members will wear a face covering when social distancing is not feasible.
- Parents are required to wear a face covering when entering the school.
- Children under 6 years old are not required to wear a face covering. If parents want their child to wear a face covering, we will support your decision.