

**The PG County Health Department COVID/masking guidance is as follows. Open Arms CCDC will follow local Health Department COVID-19 guidance should exposures or positives cases arise or guidance change.**

- Masks will be strongly encouraged when community levels are **SUBSTANTIAL/HIGH**, and if your child is exposed to someone with known or expected COVID-19. Masks will be optional when community levels are **LOW/MODERATE**. Please let your child’s teacher know whether or not you would like your child masked. [Children do not mask while napping or eating (children over 2-yrs of age only)]. <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov> will be used to determine COVID-19 community levels in our area. A sign will be posted outside the Open Arms front doors indicating community levels.
- All temperature checks and symptom screenings\* should be done BEFORE entering our building.
- Handwashing when entering the building will be encouraged. The hand sanitation station will remain.

Keep your child home if they are sick, test for COVID, and inform us of the results immediately. BEFORE you enter, you need to acknowledge our Mandatory Symptom Screening. Do NOT enter if your child has had-

- any fever or felt warm or feverish/chills within the last 48 hours.
- a cough or any shortness of breath, recent loss of taste or smell within the last 48 hours.
- symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, headache, body aches or fatigue within the last 48 hours.

Staff or Student/Child with	Guidance for Management
COVID-19 symptoms (see above)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff or student/child may not attend or work in a school or child care setting</li> <li>• COVID-19 testing is required</li> <li>• If test is negative, may return when symptoms have improved, no fever for 24 hours without medication, and applicable criteria in the <a href="#">Communicable Diseases Summary</a> have been met</li> </ul>
Positive test for COVID-19, regardless of symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff or student/child must stay home for 5 days from the start of symptoms or from the date of the positive test if no symptoms</li> <li>• After day 5, may return if symptoms have improved and no fever for at least 24 hours without medication</li> <li>• Upon return, must wear a mask for 5 additional days (except while eating, drinking, sleeping or outside)</li> <li>• If unable to wear a mask, may return if they have a negative test at day 5 or later; otherwise, they should remain at home for days 6 -10</li> </ul>
Close contact with someone with known or suspected COVID-19 but no symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff or student/child can continue to work in or attend school and child care regardless of vaccination status</li> <li>• Those who can mask should do so for 10 days from the last day of exposure</li> <li>• A test at 3-5 days after exposure is recommended, especially for those who cannot mask (ex. children under 2 years of age).</li> </ul>

**CDC’s Indicators of Community Transmission**

Indicator	Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days	0-9	10-49	50-99	≥100
Percentage of Nucleic Acid Amp. Test results that are positive during the past 7 days	<5.0%	5.0%-7.9%	8.0%-9.9%	≥10.0%