

## **BARTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER COVID-19 PROCEDURE**

In conjunction with the Barton County Health Department (BCHD), Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Barton Community College highly recommends the following guidelines be followed for exposures/quarantine and isolation for SARS COV-2 (COVID-19).

*Exposure “Quarantine” Definition:* Those who have been in close contact (less than 6 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone who has COVID-19.

*“Isolation” Definition:* Used to separate those infected with COVID-19 from those who are not infected.

**Parents/Guardians will be notified when their child has been named a close contact of a COVID-19 positive individual. Barton County Health Department will be notified of any positive cases in the Child Development Center\***

*\*Notification only includes the fact there is a positive case, the individual’s name/information will not be included in the notification.*

**Child or Employee has been named a close contact to a COVID-19 positive person:**

### **Exposure/Quarantine Recommendation**

- Recommend wearing a well fitted mask while around others for 10 days following exposure. It is NOT recommended for children 2 and under to wear a mask.
- Self-monitor symptoms for 10 days after the last contact with an individual with known COVID-19.  
*\*The Child Development Center will also monitor for symptoms while they are in attendance.*
- Watch for fever (100.4°F), cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.
- Immediately self-isolate if you become symptomatic until a negative test confirms symptoms are not attributed to COVID-19.

**Child or Employee has tested positive for COVID-19:**

### **Isolation Requirement**

- Stay home until it is safe for you to be around others – 5 days since symptoms first appeared AND 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving (*loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation*). Wear a mask for an additional 5 days when around others.
- Children age 2 and under or those who are not able to wear a mask effectively, will isolate for 10 days.
- Monitor your symptoms. If you have an emergency warning sign (including trouble breathing), seek emergency medical care immediately.
- If you must be around others, social distance if possible and wear a mask.
- Children who continue to have symptoms beyond day 10 may not return until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications and symptoms are improving. It is recommended to consult with a healthcare professional before returning.

*The Barton Community College Child Development Center COVID-19 Procedure is subject to change in accordance with the BCHD, KDHE and CDC requirements or recommendations.*