



COVID-19 Policy 2021-22

Deep cleanings occur every other week. Our [HEPA air filter](#) runs overnight. Read about filters like ours on the [EPA's website](#).

Mask and COVID Policy

- All staff members are fully vaccinated.
- Children are reminded throughout the day to keep their masks on unless there is a medical reason not to.
- We will not keep children from participating in activities because of their inability to wear a mask.
- Face coverings cannot be worn while in water/sprinklers.
- We have PPE and a handwashing schedule.
- Hand washing is most effective and will be used as opposed to hand sanitizer.
 - From NYS DOH – “Responsible Parties must require children and staff to practice hand hygiene and require supervision of young children: o Upon arrival to the first program activity; o Between all program activities; o After using the restroom; o Before eating; and, o Before departing the last program activity.”

We have daily temp checks. If your child has a temp then they will not be allowed to stay. We recommend that you provide a negative covid test to return - email results to Michelle at info@tlbdaycare.com. If your child develops a fever while in our care, you'll be asked to pick them up immediately. Other families will also be notified that a child developed a fever while in our care. We will not disclose the name of the child.

One child in your household that attends the TLB preschool collective or after school can be tested for COVID once per month. If you have two or more children attending, please alternate testing.

Afterschool

If a school closes due to quarantine measures, the child(ren) of that school will be asked to produce a negative covid test in order to return.

Drop-in visits/classes

If possible, please have everyone attending the visit tested for COVID (w/negative results) prior to arrival. Only one parent/caregiver is allowed during the visit. By signing below, you agree that neither your child nor anyone in the household has displayed symptoms of COVID 19 within the past 10 days of signing.

Staying Home When Sick

Children and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as [influenza](#) (flu) or [COVID-19](#), should stay home and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care. Staying home when sick with COVID-19 is essential to keep COVID-19 infections out of programs and prevent spread to others. It also is essential for people who are not fully vaccinated to quarantine after recent exposure to someone with COVID-19.

The overlap between COVID-19 symptoms with other common illnesses means that some people with symptoms of COVID-19 could be ill with something else. This is even more likely in young children, who typically have multiple viral illnesses each year. Although COVID-19, colds, and flu illnesses have similar symptoms, they are different diseases. Children who have symptoms of infectious illness or certain symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend the program. Please be on the alert for [signs of illness](#) in children and to keep them home when they are sick. Parents should pay particular attention to

- Fever (temperature 100.4 °F or higher)
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for a child with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, see if there is a change from their usual cough)
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or stomachache
- New onset of severe headache, especially with fever

The length of time the child should stay out of child care depends on whether the child has COVID-19 or another illness. In most instances, those who have COVID-19 [can be around others](#) after

- 10 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

Children who test positive for COVID-19 but do not have symptoms can be around others 10 days after their first positive COVID-19 test.