

# Life Enrichment Center

## COVID 19: Health & Safety Protocols

The following procedures will be in place upon re-opening. It is important that these guidelines are followed to ensure the safety and welfare of our participants and staff.

- **Lunches:** Lunches will NOT be refrigerated. If necessary, include an ice pack in the lunch box. Lunches will be kept by the Individual. Food is not to be shared. Plates, bowls, drinking glasses, cups, or serving utensils must be provided by the home and shall not be shared with others.
  - Bring your own snacks and beverages- Vending Machines will **NOT** be available.
- **Morning Drop Off Procedures:**
  - **8:00-8:30** on the side entrance: you will NOT be permitted to enter through the front door.
  - As of 3/25/22, we will no longer be doing temperature checks before entering the building. However, thermometers will still be available in all program areas and staff will do a temperature check if an individual shows signs of a fever or symptoms of COVID-19.

**NOTE: For all arrivals after 8:30 a.m.- you must notify the front office so that the above procedures can be performed. Call 478-445-7176**

- **Entering the Facility:** As of 3/25/22, individuals will no longer be required to perform handwashing as they enter the building. However, proper handwashing will still be performed at appropriate times such as before snack and lunch, or as needed.
- **Seat Assignment:** You will be assigned a seat and only you can sit in that seat. Seating area will be cleaned daily.
- **Personal Belongings:** You are responsible for keeping up with your personal belongings and they shall remain in your possession or at your assigned seat at all times. DO NOT share personal belongings with others.
- **Use of electronics and materials:** All electronic equipment and devices (i.e. iPads & computers) will be assigned to an individual and cannot be shared. Computer devices will have protective coverings that will be removed and cleaned after use and iPads will be cleaned after use. Art supplies will be come the individuals personal supply kit and not shared. Music equipment will be assigned and cleaned daily.
- **Bathroom Disinfection:** Bathroom surfaces are to be cleaned and disinfected after each individual use.
- **Vehicles** – All vehicles used to transport individuals, will be cleaned after each use according to the LEC vehicle cleaning protocols. All individuals, including the driver, must wear face coverings while in the vehicle.
- **Personal Protective equipment (PPE):** Face covering are to be worn by staff and Individuals while in the Center. Face coverings should fit snugly against the face, cover the mouth and nose, and allow for breathing without restriction. Gloves will be worn during all cleaning and disinfecting procedures. Staff and individuals will be allowed to enter a “mask free zone” during breaks but must be socially distanced. Breaks will be after each session or on the hour whichever comes first. Everyone is required to wash their hands after each mask break.
- **Staff/Individuals Training** – Everyone will be trained on handwashing, the use of PPE, effective disinfection techniques, and Covid-19 symptoms.
- **Fever (>100.4oF) or symptoms consistent with COVID-19:** If an individual develops a fever or shows symptoms of COVID-19 while at the Center they should keep on their face covering and immediately

be separated to the designated medical isolation area and picked up as soon as possible. Parent/Provider will be contacted for immediate pick up. Failure by parent or provider to respond responsibly to immediate pick up can result in individual being placed on Telehealth Services. The Individual will require documented clearance from a health care provider before return to the Center. Document should include that person tested negative for COVID 19 virus.

- **Risk Behaviors:** If an individual exhibits behaviors that may potentially put themselves or others at risk for exposure to COVID-19, that individual will be separated from others and parents/ residential providers will be required to pick up individual immediately. Individual will be placed on Telehealth Services until they can demonstrate they are no longer a risk.
- **Designated Medical Isolation Area:** This area is located just inside the building as you enter on the drop off side. It is adjacent to the Directors office and has a table, seating and access to either an iPad or laptop so the individual will not be isolated but can be in communication at all times with a staff member and friends via Zoom. The individual has access to the restroom and food, drinks and snacks they may have brought in with them. The door will be shut, but not locked and has a window in it. Also, there is an additional window providing visibility from the hall. This room is in no way intended for isolation, but rather for infection control. We do not want the individual to feel punished nor out of contact. Room will be cleaned according to protocols after each use.
- **Reporting – Staff and Individuals/family are to immediately report any of the scenarios outlined below and follow CDC recommendations:**
  1. **Definition of close contact** – a) **within 6 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period with someone who has COVID-19** such as, close contact while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case, b) having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case, such as being coughed on while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment (PPE).
  2. Employees and individuals who are sick or who have recently had close contact (**within 6 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period**) with a person with COVID-19 is to stay home (quarantine).
  3. Quarantine – **To quarantine means to separate and limit movement of people who have or may have been exposed to the disease to see if they become ill.** Researchers have found that the amount of live virus in the nose and throat drops significantly soon after COVID-19 symptoms develop. Additionally, the duration of infectiousness in most people with COVID-19 is no longer than 10 days after symptoms begin and no longer than 20 days in people with severe illness or those who are severely immunocompromised.

## Quarantine

If you have been **exposed** to someone with COVID-19 and you are:

- A. Boosted, or have become fully vaccinated within the last 6 months (Moderna or Pfizer vaccine) or within the last 2 months (J&J vaccine):
  - You do not need to quarantine at home.
  - **You MUST continue to wear a mask while at the Center.**
  - **If possible, get tested on day 5.**
  - If you develop symptoms, get tested and isolate at home until test results are received, then proceed in accordance with the test results (see positive test above).
- B. Unvaccinated, or became fully vaccinated more than 6 months ago (Moderna or Pfizer vaccine) or more than 2 months ago (J&J vaccine) and **have not** received a booster:
  - Must quarantine at home for 5 days.
  - Get tested on day 5. You may return to Center after testing negative.
  - **You MUST continue to wear a mask while at the Center.**

**If you develop symptoms, get tested and isolate at home until test results are received. If positive, follow the guidelines for isolation.**

## **Isolation**

If you **test positive** for COVID-19, everyone (regardless of vaccination status) must:

- Isolate at home for 5 days from the date symptoms first appeared.
- If there are no symptoms, isolate at home for 5 days from the date of the positive test.
- After 5 days, if you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving and you have not had a fever for more than 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medication, you may end isolation and return to the Center after testing negative. If symptoms are not improving or fever has not resolved, you should continue isolating until the above criteria are met.
- **You MUST continue to wear a mask while at the Center.**

**Protocol - Emergency Guidelines to Mitigate Risks of Covid 19 Transmission. Isolation and Quarantine for General Population. (Based on Department of Public Health release dated December 2021).**

This protocol will take effect when the administration has determined that significant exposure has occurred at the center.

Additional links:

[Isolation Guidance | Georgia Department of Public Health](#)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>