

Q: What is the testing requirement for CDL staff and student employees, student interns and student researchers?

A: Testing for Faculty, Staff and ALL University Students (employees, interns, practicum students, and researchers) are addressed in this excerpt from Chancellor Jones' email dated August 3, 2020:

**COVID-19 Testing** – On-campus testing is required for all faculty, staff or students who have a need to be on-campus for any reason for any length of time.

- Mandatory twice weekly testing will be required for all faculty, staff or students who participate in any on-campus activities.
- Faculty, staff or students visiting the campus only occasionally (for example, picking up something from their office) will be required to go to a testing center, get tested and have test results dated no more than four days prior to entering any university facility.

More information can be found at:

<https://covid19.illinois.edu/working-in-university-facilities/>

<https://covid19.illinois.edu/remote-work/>

Q: If the University is requiring all faculty, staff and students to follow the testing protocol, and failure to do so could result in not being able to enter University buildings, why aren't we testing all children who are coming into the two CDL buildings?

A: Because we can only test UI affiliated people this point. All of the health privacy data is run through McKinley health center and linked to our I cards. The SHIELD team is actively working on allowing others outside the University to test but at this point the processes are still being developed and they are still undergoing the approval processes.

Q: If all CDL parents who have an UIUC affiliation are being required to be tested twice per week, why are CDL parents who do not have a UIUC affiliation have to get tested twice per week if they are entering CDL buildings to drop off and pick up their children?

A: If they are dropping off and are non UI affiliated we are not requiring them to get tested. Again we don't have the processes to test non-affiliated folks.

Q: Are the air filtration systems as the CDL & ECDL being modified to increase outdoor air flow into the buildings?

A: Email dated July 23, 2020:

Hello Dr. McBride,

Thank you for your email.

The strategies implemented on campus are being formed by the CDC guidance. As Dr. Attalla (Executive Director of F&S) mentioned, there is a comprehensive strategy in place, beginning with physically inspecting the operation of the HVAC systems on campus. These inspections are in addition to other proactive measures being taken with enhanced filtration and programming modifications. [REDACTED], CDC and ASHRAE do recommend increasing outside air as much as possible, but not if it has a detrimental impact on temperature and humidity, as this can cause other health and safety issues. Unless specially designed for 100% outside air (certain labs for instance) most HVAC systems on campus cannot introduce 100% outside air all of the time without negatively impacting the temperature and humidity in the space. It is also important to note that if you have a lower number of occupants in the building through social distancing measures, this increases the effective dilution ventilation per person.

Specific to Early Child Development Lab:

- Early Child Development Lab has already been physically inspected. There is a single air handling unit in the building and the mechanical operation of the unit was found to be good.
- There is not a demand controlled ventilation sequence in place for this building (I bring this up since Jake mentioned it below).
- There is a minimum of 35% fresh air entering the building at all times. The fresh air is automatically increased to as much as 100% as the outside air conditions allow.
- The existing HVAC filters are rated a MERV-11. These are planned to be increased to higher efficiency MERV-13 filters before fall semester.

Specific to Child Development Lab:

- Child Development Lab has not yet been physically inspected, but the operation of the air handler is scheduled to be physically inspected before the fall semester starts.
- The existing filters are being reviewed for that location and will be increased to MERV-13 if the system allows.

Thanks,  
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Facilities and Services

Q: What is the mask requirement for children at the CDL?

A: Children under the age of 2 should NEVER wear a mask. It is unsafe for them to do so.

This excerpt from the CDL Parent Handbook, page 16, addresses children 2 and older:

### **Clothing**

Due to Covid-19 safety measures, face coverings (masks) are required in the hallways, when entering and exiting the facility and in the classrooms for everyone over the age of 2 years. In classroom wear for children is required as is feasible/tolerable per child and given circumstances. Parents provide masks for their children and ensure that they are of a child-size that stay in place over the nose, mouth and chin without frequent adjustment. Your child should be able to put on and take off their mask with little or no teacher assistance, so please keep that in mind when selecting your child's masks.

If your young child struggles wearing the mask please work with them on a transition to mask wearing. Move from talking about it, to carrying it to wearing it. And then you will need to either carry them at drop off and pick up or hold their hand to ensure social distancing.

Q: How many masks do the children need each day?

A: That will vary from child to child but most children have been wearing one mask throughout the day. Some parents have sent multiple if a child has a cold or has been sneezing a great deal due to seasonal allergies.

Q: Are CDL teachers, required to wear masks?

Q: Will University students be required to wear masks when they are at the CDL?

A: Excerpt from Chancellor Jones' email dated August 3, 2020:

**Face Coverings & Social Distancing** – We will continue to require everyone to practice social distancing on campus and to wear [face coverings](#) in university facilities unless they are alone in a private space. Face coverings are also required for outside campus spaces where sufficient social distancing is not possible.

During meals, outdoor activities and other high energy times, teachers and university students may not be wearing their masks. In infant and toddler classrooms they may opt to remove their mask if the child they are engaged with is grabbing at their mask during such activities as diaper changes, when safety and sanitation demand they make that judgment call.

Q: Will you announce all suspected and confirmed cases of Covid-19 that involve children, parents, staff and students at the CDL?

A: Excerpt from the Phase 3 & Phase 4 CDL Covid-19 Response Plan:

M. Confirmed case of Covid-19 on UIUC campus

1. In consultation with Public Health, *DCFS and* at the discretion of the CDL Director, the CDL may be closed temporarily while details of the case and potential for exposure is determined.
2. Parents will be notified via email of closure and, in consultation with Public Health officials, provide parents with the appropriate information about the health situation that prompted the closure.

N. Confirmed case of Covid-19 at the Child Development Lab

1. In consultation with Public Health, DCFS, & University Administration, the CDL *will temporarily close for the recommended time.*
2. Temporary closure may be recurring as new cases are identified.
3. Parents will be notified via email of closure and, in consultation with Public Health officials, provide parents with the appropriate information about the health situation that prompted the closure.

Q: I would like to regularly drop off and/or pick my child up outside of established drop off and pick up times. Is that an option?

A: Excerpt from the Parent Handbook pages 21 & 22:

During Covid-19 operations, screening of parents and children will happen each time they arrive at our facilities. **Parents will drop their children off outside the classroom door between the hours of 7:30 and 9:30 am.** They will alert the teachers who will be in the classroom of their arrival by knocking on the classroom door. Parents and other children will at no time enter the classroom. Children will change into their 'at school shoes' prior to entering the classroom. **Please follow all signage for a one-way flow through the buildings.**

Entry to the ECDL will be through the front (east) entrance as usual. Drop off of more than one child will take place in geographic order with the child in the classroom nearest the east entrance being dropped off first and then continue down the hallway for the next drop off. ALL will exit through the back (north) door onto Nevada Street.

Entry to the CDL will be through the main entrance in the center of the building off of the half-circle drive. Proceed to the toy library for screening and drop off and exit the building via the west hallway door.

**Pick-up is between 4:00 and 5:30 pm.** Parents will alert the teachers of their arrival to pick-up their child by knocking on the classroom door at the ECDL. At the CDL the staff member screening arrivals will alert the classroom teachers and they will bring your child out to you in the toy library.

**The teachers and children will be in their classrooms to facilitate pick up between 4:00 and 5:30 pm.** Parents will wait for the teacher to bring their child to the door and will not enter the classroom. Children will change out of their 'at school' shoes prior to leaving the classroom door area with their parents.

Parents who need to drop off or pick up outside of these established hours must call ahead to make arrangements so that there is staff available for the health screening and to accept or deliver the child to or from the classroom.

In addition to the staffing required to screen drop offs and picks ups outside of the established windows, the impact on programming of limiting an already significantly shortened outdoor time is not a programming hit that we can take for the children and for the outdoor observations we need to facilitate. Twelve groups of children have to be scheduled to have both morning and afternoon outdoor play opportunities during these shortened windows when we cannot mix groups, and this also plays into our need to limit the frequency of late drop-offs and early pick-ups. ***Drop off and pick up outside of the established times will only be allowed in response to extenuating circumstances.***

Q: Will there be special protocols for students working in the Infant classrooms?

A: At this time we are not planning any special protocols for students working in Infant classrooms. All students working in any classroom will follow the same protocols that all full time staff follow.

Q: Will mothers be able to come into the ECDL to nurse their infants?

A: Excerpt from parent Handbook page 19:

Parents who plan to nurse their infant need to make arrangements for scheduling ahead of time as we now must provide an out-of-classroom location. Be prepared to sanitize the space and all surfaces you touch prior to leaving the nursing room. Supplies will be provided.