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### Updated Fall 2021 COVID Protocol Plans UW Early Care and Education Center

Since the beginning of the COVID pandemic, the UW Early Care and Education Center has been following the guidance of the Center for Disease Control, Wyoming Department of Health, and the UW COVID administrative team with regards to health, mitigation strategies, testing, and any necessary quarantining/isolating. As of August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, UW has reinstated an indoor mask policy for all people regardless of vaccination status when social distancing cannot be adhered to.

The UWECE strongly encourages all staff to receive the COVID vaccine and since the children are unable to receive the vaccine, all staff will remain masked around the children at all times while inside. In addition we will continue to use the following guidelines as recommended by the CDC.

- Parents will be asked to wear a mask at all times while inside the ECEC. In addition, we will encourage all parents to distance themselves from other children not in their household both indoors and outside on the playground or front entry area.
- Staff will do a required test before coming to campus. They will also be asked to test if they have been exposed to someone who actively has COVID or if the staff person is showing symptoms typical of COVID.
- Surfaces and materials will continue to be sanitized after each use by a child or adult.
- All staff and children will be asked to wash hands frequently during the day.
- Children must wear a mask if riding on UW transportation buses or if in another building on campus.
- Children and staff will be asked to call their healthcare provider for guidance if they are showing signs of a sickness that could be related to COVID.
- In the event of a positive COVID case at the ECEC, the UW COVID team and WDH will be contacted for guidance on any necessary isolating and/or quarantining.

[Any of these items can be subject to change and other protocol may be put into place based on the current status of cases of Albany County.]

