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**COVID-19 Cluster Identified at Magic Years Childcare Center in Robbins**

The Moore County Health Department has been monitoring the status of confirmed positive COVID-19 test results associated with Magic Years Childcare Center in Robbins (635 East Forest St.). To date, four children and two staff members associated with the center have been confirmed COVID-19 positive, meeting the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) definition of a “cluster”. A “cluster” is defined as five or more cases over a fourteen-day period with linkage between cases. The center was closed on July 17<sup>th</sup> when initial cases were identified. No announcement has been made yet as to when the center will re-open.

This is Moore County’s first reported cluster in a childcare setting and the twelfth reported for the State. On June 22, NCDHHS began public reporting of COVID-19 clusters in licensed/regulated school and childcare settings. Cluster reporting is new at the State level, but childcare centers and schools were already required to report COVID-19 cases, as well as other communicable diseases, to local health departments and to parents. For childcare centers and schools, NCDHHS uses the term “cluster” as opposed to “outbreak” because of the setting, as it can be difficult to accurately determine how transmission occurred and whether it occurred within the setting or from within the broader community.

You can find more detailed information regarding ongoing COVID-19 clusters in childcare and school settings in Moore and other NC Counties by accessing a report published by NCDHHS at:

<https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/dashboard/Weekly-Ongoing-Clusters-in-Child-Care-and-School-Settings.pdf>

Health Department staff are monitoring individuals who have tested positive and will follow up with anyone who is identified as a close contact. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines “close contact” as being within six feet for 10 minutes or more. Close contacts of individuals who have tested positive will be informed by local health department officials and must quarantine for fourteen days. Children or staff who test positive can return to childcare once they meet all the following conditions:

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever – without the use of fever reducing medication
- Symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved

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NCDHHS provides guidance outlining requirements and recommendations for childcare centers on cleaning, social distancing, face coverings, child drop-off, daily health screenings, and also what to do if a child or staff member tests positive, has or develops symptoms, or has been exposed to someone with symptoms. That interim guidance document can be found here:

<https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/childcare/NC-Interim-Guidance-for-Child-Care-Settings.pdf>

The Moore County Health Department continues to encourage everyone to “**Know Their W’s**” and continue to exercise caution when out in public: **W**ear a cloth face covering if you will be around other people, **W**ait six feet apart and avoid close contact, and **W**ash your hands often for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.

In addition to these measures, everyone is urged to continue to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home, especially if you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeve/elbow or with a tissue and be sure to throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

**As part of the extension of Executive Order 147, North Carolina remains in Safer At Home Phase 2 of lifting COVID-19 restrictions until Friday, August 7th. People are also required, with some exceptions, to wear face coverings while out in public when physical distancing of 6 feet is not possible. More information on the phase 2 extension including guidance on face coverings can be found here:**

<https://www.nc.gov/covid-19/staying-ahead-curve/phase-2-extensionfaqs>

Moore County’s Coronavirus (COVID-19) Dashboard can be found here:

<https://moorecounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/4c11e5bf79b64a6e9c8377d5129cc97c>

For more information about coronavirus and Moore County’s response, please visit [www.moorecountync.gov/health](http://www.moorecountync.gov/health), find us on Facebook (Moore County Health Department), and follow us on Twitter (@mocohealth).

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