

When the pandemic began, we realized that the focus of Hutch Kids must be the health and safety of children, families, and the staff. We have been successful in staying open and providing continuous, uninterrupted care by taking this pandemic seriously and implementing policies and practices that support that success. At this time, we are asking families and staff to abide by these guidelines on their own accord. If the guidelines and or policies change with our partners or if we have outbreaks at Hutch Kids that cause classrooms or the entire center to shut down, we will revisit.

Our Travel and Visitor Guidelines have changed due to updates from the CDC and WA Department of Health Guidelines for Child Care Centers. See below:

### **Returning to a Program after Travel**

Travelers who are not fully vaccinated should get tested with a molecular/PCR or antigen test 3-5 days after travel and stay home and self-quarantine for a full seven days after travel, **even if their test is negative**. If the traveler is positive, they should isolate and follow [DOH guidance](#) on what to do if you have confirmed or suspected COVID-19. If the traveler doesn't get tested, they should stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.

Travelers who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 can travel within the United States and do not need COVID-19 testing or post-travel self-quarantine as long as they continue to take precautions while traveling: wear a mask, avoid crowds, and wash hands frequently.

All air passengers coming to the United States, including U.S. citizens, are required to have a negative COVID-19 test result or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 before they board a flight to the United States. This is required regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status.

Therefore, Hutch Kids is revising our guidelines to be in alignment with the above. Fully vaccinated adults (two weeks after their second or only dose) no longer are asked to quarantine after travel and/or exposure to others outside their household. However, if unvaccinated children are traveling, we would ask families to follow the guidelines as stated above.

If socializing with those outside of your household or hosting guests, testing or quarantining is no longer requested if all of the adults are fully vaccinated.

The following scenarios are meant to be helpful and address FAQ. However, questions can also be directed to Shannon for your particular circumstances.

### **FAQ Scenarios**

1. Fully vaccinated parents go out of town and children stay home. Children can return to care as normal.
2. Fully vaccinated parent and unvaccinated children travel out of town that requires air or plane travel and/or interacting with those outside of their household. Follow Returning to a Program After Travel guidelines.

3. Family/friends are coming to visit and are staying in the family's home.

All adults living in the home and visiting are fully vaccinated. No need for the child to quarantine before returning to care.

All adults living in the home are quarantined, but not all visitors. Follow Returning to a Program After Travel guidelines.

No adults are vaccinated. Follow Returning to a Program After Travel guidelines.

4. Family travels by car to a location where they will be staying as one household (for example a cabin or tent camping). No need to quarantine or test.

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