

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM



*The following message to ECEP parents on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022:*

Dear UC Berkeley ECEP Families,

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we worked through the challenges we faced this week.

Here is an update of important details you need to know in order for us to be able to serve your children and family this January.

When we **reopen on Monday 1/10**, we are **requiring that children be tested and receive a negative result 1-3 days before returning to their ECEP center.**

- We will accept the test results from COVID-19 home tests, as well as those done by a medical professional (you can find testing locations at <https://myturn.ca.gov/>, <https://www.testthepeople.org/>, and <https://rootsclinic.org/covid-19-testing/>).
- Home testing must follow the manufacturer's recommendations for a successful result.
- **Once the testing is completed please bring a copy of the results on your first day back to care (e.g., such as a photo or screenshot on your mobile device of the negative at home test).**

PCR testing is not available to ECEP children through University Health Service (UHS) at the Rec Sports Facility (RSF) Field House. In addition, rapid testing through UHS is not available at this time.

We are awaiting final guidance from campus regarding which protocol ECEP families returning to care will be expected to follow in case your child or someone in the child's household tests positive.

All ECEP staff have been required to test and provide a negative result before returning. ECEP staff are required to receive their booster before returning to campus. At this time staff are required to upload their updated vaccination to their eTang account as verification of compliance. All ECEP staff who have returned are in compliance.

ECEPs hours of operation remain the same as they were last semester (8:15AM-4:45PM). This is due to staffing needs to remain within Community Care Licensing guidelines for COVID-19 protocols and teacher to child ratios.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work to reopen our ECEP centers with a focus on safety and reducing virus transmission.

Sincerely,

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