



July 2, 2021, Tuesday

Dear Renu Hope Foundation Families, Staff, and Board Members:

On July 2nd, 2021, Renu Hope Foundation received a report of a confirmed case of covid-19 in the home of an enrolled child who attends our facility located at 235 N. 2nd St. Banning, CA 92220. We have notified Riverside County Public Health, Community Care Licensing, and our funding source, CDE Early Care and Learning Division.

The CEO, Saovaros Diehl-Hope, has been in direct communication with Riverside County School Covid-19 Response Team within Riverside County of Public Health. They have confirmed that when a parent reports a positive case of covid-19, it is a case of two generations of *possible* contacts or contact of a contact. The child may remain in quarantine but everyone else is a contact of a *possible* contact with a person who has covid-19 based on the following guidelines:

- A. Have you been in contact with the confirmed case *and* less than 6 feet apart?
- B. Have you been in contact with the confirmed case and less than 6 feet apart for more than 15 minutes?

We will continue to maintain the smallest, stable, and confined group possible based on the square footage of the respective class. Renu Hope Foundation located at 235 N. 2nd St. Banning, CA 92220 will be **CLOSING** Center today, **July 2nd, 2021, Friday**. However, **we will be reopening on July 6th, 2021, Tuesday**.

Please be reminded that Renu Hope foundation follows the California Department of Public Health Guidelines that face masks are required while indoors. Children who are below the age of 2 years old are not required to wear face masks. When outdoors, masks are not required but you must maintain a 6ft distance from others.

We recommend that you take action to help limit the spread of COVID-19, even if your child is not experiencing symptoms. Please answer the phone if the Health Department contacts you. A contact tracer may be trying to reach you with important information.

The most important things you can do:

- Make sure your child is wearing [a mask](#).
- NOTE: Children below 2 years of age should not be wearing a mask.
- Make sure your child is [washing their hands](#).

- Keep your child home if they are sick. As per our policy, any child who has a temperature of 100.4 may not remain at school
- Call your primary care provider if you or your child has symptoms [of COVID-19](#).

What is COVID-19?

A new coronavirus causes COVID-19, which is an illness that was discovered in 2019. Coronaviruses are a type of virus that are named for the crown-like spikes on their surface. There are many kinds of coronaviruses including some that cause respiratory illnesses, like the common cold. The specific symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

How does COVID-19 spread?

COVID-19 spreads mainly from having close contact with someone who has a COVID-19 infection. The virus is thought to spread by droplets from person to person when they speak, cough, or sneeze. Droplets travel less than 6 feet. When droplets from another person get in your mouth or nose you can inhale into your lungs. This virus can be spread by people without symptoms.

How can parents and guardians help prevent COVID-19 from spreading?

- If your child is sick, keep them home.
- Make sure members of your household wash their hands often using soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Make sure every member of your household covers their coughs and sneezes with a tissue or their elbow, and then washes their hands afterwards.
- Wear a mask in public when you cannot stay 6 feet apart from other people.

We are working with the Riverside County Public Health Department to keep our community safe and guidance for our program continued opening or temporary closure.

While we await further guidance from the Riverside County Health Department we are properly sanitizing and disinfecting the classrooms and indoors and outdoors play areas.

In the best interest of everyone, the Center will be temporary closed as a precaution due to the enrolled children being exposed within their own home. Once again, we will be **CLOSING** our

Center today, **July 2nd, 2021, Friday**. However, we will be reopening on **July 6th, 2021, Tuesday**. This will allow for proper sanitizing and disinfecting of the ENTIRE CLASSROOM indoors and outdoors. Each of you will be notified by phone call, email (if one has been provided) and posting on the Learning Genie, with further communication regarding this matter.

IF there are further developments and this center must be closed you will be notified via email and phone call.

- We continue to follow the Health Department's guidance
- All persons prior to entering the facility are required to complete the Health Assessment Screening and have their temperature taken.
- Face covering (such as a mask) is required to be worn by all adults. Children above 2 years of age are encouraged to wear a face mask. A
- All Staff at the center are wearing a face mask, a clear face shield, gloves and aprons equipped for immediate cleaning and disinfecting
- Each of our classroom indoor and outdoor environments are arranged to accommodate the required physical distancing of 6 feet. Children's cots are 6 feet apart, alternating head to toe. Nap blankets are washed daily, labeled for individual child use. Tables and chairs are spaced apart to ensure for 6 feet distancing during mealtimes. During COVID-19 there are no family style meal services.
 - During the daily indoor and outdoor activities children are provided with their individual toys, materials to prevent sharing and group handling of learning toys. All materials that cannot be cleaned and disinfected daily have been removed from all classrooms.
 - Each class size cohort (group) has been limited to no more than 16 for preschool classrooms and no more than 10 for toddler classrooms. This includes the total number of children and assigned staff. Staff and children are assigned to their consistent group/cohort.
- We cleaned and disinfected each facility each day per the Health Department guidance. At the end of each day when the center closes, our Custodial staff clean and disinfect the entire Center. Once a week the outdoor play area is power washed, more frequent if needed.
- Employees and sick children will not return to work until they are healthy.

Learn more about getting tested go to hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-site

Thank you for understanding that, due to medical privacy laws, we are not able to release the names of the individuals with COVID-19. We will continue to communicate changes and updates with you. With your participation, we believe we can create a safe and fun experience for your children.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email gacom@renuhope.org

Sincerely,

Saovaros Diehl-hope, CEO
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