

Update: great news! The employee's test came back negative, so the Early Learning Center will reopen as planned next Tuesday (January 19).

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Subject: Early Learning Center Closure

Greetings,

An employee in the LCC Early Learning Center (ELC), who was last on campus yesterday (January 12), is experiencing COVID-like symptoms. Following established health and safety protocols, families were notified earlier today by ELC staff to pick up their children.

The ELC will be closed on Thursday and Friday of this week following current COVID guidelines. Due to the MLK holiday on Monday, the ELC will be closed that day as well. During the closure, COVID-approved cleaning and sanitization will occur.

The employee has received a COVID test and is in isolation while awaiting results. If the results are negative, the ELC will resume operations on Tuesday, January 19. If the test comes back positive, a determination will be made in conjunction with health and safety experts to determine when to reopen.

I understand that any news regarding COVID-like symptoms is concerning. LCC is actively following requirements established by local, state and national health and safety experts. If you are experiencing COVID-like symptoms or have questions about the college's response, please email covid@lowercolumbia.edu or call (360) 442-2270.

To learn more about LCC's response to the pandemic, please consult our COVID-19 webpages. In addition to the [main COVID-19 page](#), there are resource pages for [students](#), [employees](#) and [supervisors](#). For more information about the ELC, please visit our [Early Learning Center webpage](#).

Please be well, and don't forget to wear a mask when around others outside of your household.

Sincerely,

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