

Saturday October 24th Covid-19 Update

Thank you for your patience as we have carefully navigated these past couple of days, sharing information as it becomes available.

Hillcrest Kids (HK), until further notice, plans to reopen for regular business hours on **Monday October 26th**, with the exception of the effected spaces: impacted families should have been notified by the Whatcom County Health Department and **may NOT return** until given clearance by the Health Department). If you have not been contacted by the Health Department, or HK with express orders to quarantine due to being considered a “close contact”, you may return on Monday.

HK is following the protocols and guidelines set by the Health Department and CDC for cleaning and sanitizing. We spent Thursday and Friday making sure we have a safe environment for your return. Additional sanitizing will continue through the weekend. **We want to give a special “Thank You!” to Bellingham Cold Storage for their generosity in providing an ozone sterilization treatment to our space, finalizing our confidence in a safe environment.**

Some things to note upon your return:

1. Please check your child for symptoms at home before arrival at HK and remain home if they have one or more of the following symptoms:

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

2. Children 5 years and older are required to wear masks; this includes children in the PreK classes who have turned 5 years old.

3. Children between the ages of 3 and 4 are encouraged to wear a mask, provided they can resist the temptation to constantly touch it.

Thank you for helping protect all the families and children at Hillcrest Kids.

Any unforeseen status updates will be posted on our website, so please check it regularly.