1. I've heard that some schools have closed due to concerns over COVID 19?

We have received information that some schools are closed due to a relative of a student or an employee testing positive for COVID 19.

2. Do you think more schools and daycares will close due to COVID 19 concerns?

Schools and daycares make independent decisions about closures. It is hard to say at this time what will happen. There is no order currently from public health officials for widespread school closures. We recommend you check with schools directly.

3. My child goes to a school or daycare where a relative or employee tested positive for COVID 19. Should I be concerned?

If your child was in close contact (< 3 feet) with the person who has tested positive for COVID-19, we recommend that your keep your child at home (“self-isolation”) for 14 days and monitor your child for respiratory symptoms such as cough and shortness of breath and fever. If these symptoms develop, please call us back for advice.

If your child was not in close contact (> 3 feet), we recommend that your child return to school and that you monitor your child for respiratory symptoms such as cough and shortness of breath and fever. If these symptoms develop, please call us back for advice.

4. I work at the school or daycare where a person tested positive for COVID-19. Should I be concerned?

This depends on how close of contact you had with the person with COVID-19

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If you were not in close contact (> 3 feet), we recommend that you return to school or work and that you monitor yourself for respiratory symptoms such as cough and shortness of breath and fever. If these symptoms develop, please call us back for advice.

5. Should I or my child be tested for COVID 19?

Currently, we do not advise testing for you or your child without symptoms.

6. What if I want testing anyway for COVID 19?
For now, testing is restricted by the public health departments by their criteria. Currently, it is not available to the general public including people who have had secondary contact with a patient positive for COVID 19. THIS MAY CHANGE SOON. For up to date information go to SoCo Emergency: https://socoemergency.org/

7. Should I keep my child home from activities?

We recommend that your child continue their normal activities. As this situation is evolving, we recommend you check the CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html and SoCo: https://socoemergency.org/ websites for the latest information. Each parent/guardian must make their own decisions based on what you think is best for your child.

8. Can I go to work?

Yes, there are no restrictions on your activities if you have not had close contact (<3 feet) with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 and/or do not have symptoms.

9. What can I do to minimize my chances of getting COVID-19?

You and your child should follow the recommendations to prevent spread of the virus: wash your hands frequently, avoid touching your face, cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow – and dispose of the tissue and wash your hands, and clean and disinfect frequently used surfaces and objects.

10. How can I stay up to date with all of this information?

We recommend you check the CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html and SoCo: https://socoemergency.org/ websites for the latest information