

2023-2024 School Year Covid Policies and Protocols

We are thankful that the public health emergency associated with Covid ended on May 11, 2023. Because of that we relaxed our Covid protocols for the school year, while also still being mindful of guidance from the CDC. Please read through this document to familiarize yourself with our Covid protocols and procedures.

First off, we will generally follow this guidance from the CDC regarding education settings: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-childcare-guidance.html

The highlights of these recommendations include:

- If a child or staff member does not feel well, they should stay home.
- We strongly encourage all of our staff, children and parents to be up-to-date on their Covid-19 vaccinations including whatever boosters are currently recommended.
- Masks will be optional for any child or staff member who wishes to wear one.
- For those exposed to Covid 19, he or she may continue to attend school so long as they are asymptomatic.
- For children who test positive for Covid 19, they should stay home and isolate for days 0-5. Day 0 is the day symptoms started or the day of a positive test result, whichever came first. As long as the child or staff member is fever free for 24 hours and has improved symptoms, he or she may return to school on day 6 and wear a mask until day 10. For those children who have difficulty wearing a mask, we will suggest he or she stay home until day 10.
- We will continue to clean our surfaces, toys and high-touch areas daily.
- We will continue to encourage hand-washing and hand-sanitizing.

Please keep in mind that the policies outlined above and below are subject to change, particularly if cases rise dramatically in our preschool or local area. We will continue to monitor Covid trends and CDC and state guidance, and may need to make adjustments to the stated protocols. If we need to modify our protocols, we will ensure we provide timely informational updates to our families.