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COVID-19 Policies and Procedures Addendum to Parent Handbook Effective September 2022

The following policies will be followed by Kensington Nursery School (KNS) during this public health emergency. These policies and procedures are to reduce the risk of spreading any infectious disease. Our goal is to partner with you to provide a healthy and safe environment for your children while they are in our care. While the provisions listed herein will be our current operating procedures, please be advised that these may change as new information becomes available. You will be notified of any changes to this addendum.

HEALTH SCREENING

Those attending KNS should screen at home for COVID-19 symptoms (listed below).

- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Muscle or body aches
- Congestion or runny nose
- Cough
- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Sore throat

Staff, students and volunteers should stay home and if they display any COVID-19 symptoms.

If a child has seasonal allergies and develops nasal congestion/runny nose, the child can attend school if they test negative for COVID-19 and have a current signed doctor's health assessment form on file noting the allergy or provide a doctor's note verifying the allergy. A doctor's note can be put on file at any time. Repeat testing is not required so long as no new COVID-19 symptoms develop.

COVID-19 EXPOSURE NOTIFICATION AND QUARANTINE

COVID-19 is on the List of Reportable Diseases. KNS is required to report cases of COVID-19 infection to the Connecticut Department of Public Health through the Central Connecticut Health District.

KNS must notify families and staff about an exposure when a KNS student, staff member, or classroom volunteer who has been present in the program is diagnosed with COVID-19. Please be advised that we are NOT required to share with you the child, staff member or volunteer's name but will share with you the date of possible exposure and class that experienced the exposure.

KNS will follow these guidelines:

- If a staff member or student tests positive for COVID-19 (home test or lab), they must isolate at home for days 0 (the day symptoms begin/day of positive test) through day 5.
- Students and staff may return to school on day 6 and are not required to wear a mask if:
 - they test negative on day 5
 - they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine
 - symptoms are improving

KNS will work in collaboration with the CT Department of Public Health and the Central Connecticut Health District as COVID-19 exposure warrants.

FOR THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO WEAR A MASK

KNS will maintain a supportive environment for those who choose to wear a mask in our facility.

MITIGATION EFFORTS

KNS will use mitigation efforts to inhibit the spread of communicable disease. These strategies include:

- encourage the vaccination of students and staff
- students, staff and volunteers stay home when sick
- proper and frequent handwashing
- the use of respiratory etiquette
- daily cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting of the school
- ventilation through open windows