

Dear Parents,

We look forward to having your child/children at Wee Disciples this year! To provide the children at Wee Disciples with the healthiest environment possible, we would like to remind everyone of the following guidelines provided in our family handbook:

“If your child has a contagious disease, fever, diarrhea, vomiting, any undiagnosed rash or behaves as if they might have a undiagnosed medical condition may not attend until the condition is resolved. A fever is considered to be a temperature of 101 degrees or higher. Your child may return to the center when a temperature has been absent for 24 hours without medication. Vomiting and diarrhea must have stopped for 24 hours. An exception is made if the fever is due to vaccinations.

Persons with highly contagious conditions that pose a health risk to others which include but are not limited to, strep throat, pink eye, impetigo, lice, scabies, shigellosis, scarlet fever, scarlatina, chicken pox, mumps, measles and giardiasis, are not permitted to attend Wee Disciples. For exact information on your child's return after a contagious disease is diagnosed, please contact a staff member.”

Covid-19 continues to be present in our community, and guidelines concerning isolation, masking, etc. are difficult to understand because of so many variables. It also becomes more difficult to follow many of the published guidelines when masking is not an option for children two years and under and the difficulty in having children five and under wear masks safely in a childcare situation. To try to have the safest and healthiest environment at Wee Disciples, we will be implementing the following guidelines:

If your child has Covid-19 symptoms or tests positive with Covid-19, please **DO NOT** send him/her to Wee Disciples. They are likely to be most infectious during the first 5 days. Follow guidance from CDC and/or your health care provider for how to best care for your child. Isolation (up to 10 days) is usually suggested. Ending isolation is based on how serious your child's Covid-19 symptoms were. If your child no longer has symptoms after day 5, isolation could end. If your child continues to have symptoms (even mild symptoms) after day 5, they should isolate through day 10. Please refer to the attached chart for additional guidance.

We understand that we all have been unknowingly exposed to Covid-19 many times; however, if your child has been exposed to or been in close contact with someone who has Covid-19 **in your immediate household (parents, sibling, etc.)**, please **DO NOT** send your child to Wee Disciples until it can be determined that your child has not contracted the virus. If by day 6 following the exposure, your child is symptom free and/or tests negative for Covid-19, he/she may return to Wee Disciples.

Thank you for helping Wee Disciples stay safe and healthy!

Wee Disciples Board of Early Childhood Education