

July 8, 2020

Good Afternoon Parents,

Today we received updated guidance from OCDEL, the state government agency that regulates child care, amongst many other things related to children. The revised guidance from OCDEL now states that staff and children 2 years old and older are required to wear a face covering as described in the "Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Order for Universal Face Coverings", **UNLESS** you fit one of the exceptions included in section 3 of the Order. I have attached a copy of the Order so that you may see if your child falls under one of those exemptions. Please also note, it states in the Order "Individuals are not required to show documentation that an exemption applies" therefore should someone show up to school/camp without wearing a mask, we will assume they fall under an exemption and we will not be asking why someone is not wearing a mask, that would be a violation of the HIPPA Act. The same applies for our staff members. If you are uncertain if your child falls under the exemption you should consult your child's physician for guidance. If you have any questions or concerns at any time with regard to your child's mask wearing/lack of wearing, another child's mask wearing/lack of wearing, another parent's mask wearing/lack of wearing or a staff member's mask wearing/lack of wearing, please bring those questions and concerns directly to me so that I may address them, as that is the only way your concerns can be resolved.

Also new to our procedures will be that the Health Screening Form will be placed outside so we aren't clogging up the foyer, as it is too difficult to maintain 6 feet of social distancing in the foyer. If your child is comfortable enough we are asking for parents to drop off at the door and we will make sure they wash their hands and get to the appropriate classroom. You will also notice that the Health Screening form now has a column for you to record your child's temperature daily. We ask that you please take your child's temperature before arriving to the school. We trust that since we are all adults that everyone will be honest, and will actually do this daily in order to keep everyone safe. If we suspect your child has an illness of any kind, we will not allow your child to stay at school. If at any time while your child is at school and they become ill for any reason you will be required to pick them up immediately.

I have attached a copy of our revised COVID-19 policies and procedures, a copy of the revised OCDEL Announcement, a copy of our new Health Screening Form and also a copy of the "Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Order for Universal Face Coverings". Please be sure to look them over and please be sure that anyone who is dropping off and picking up fully knows and understands these updated procedures. We are asking that you please follow and respect our procedures. We know that this current situation is not ideal, but we are doing our best to follow all of the guidelines from OCDEL and the CDC in order to keep everyone safe. One last thing, if you could also make sure that you are signing your children in on the correct page (your family's name is at the top of the page) we would greatly appreciate it! Thank you for your cooperation!

Take Care and Stay Safe!

Carrie