

## Christ Church Day School Policies During COVID-19 2021-2022 School Year

**The Day School is committed to providing the safest environment to our children, families and staff by following these COVID-19 policies. These procedures will stay in place for an undetermined amount of time and may be revised when deemed appropriate.**

UPDATE: If someone in your family tests positive OR someone has been exposed to a positive COVID case, please text your teacher immediately. Then call DHEC (866/365-8110). Please let them know all the details of your exposure and that your child attends Christ Church Day School. DHEC will give you guidelines regarding isolation or quarantine. DHEC will send me an email regarding your child's return date to school. Thank you!

- **Masks for children are optional, but we are requiring all 3 & 4 year old classes to pack a mask in their tote bags.** Having a mask on hand is helpful if a child becomes sick during the day, and we want to keep the class healthy, or if a COVID report comes in that a class may be potentially exposed. If we feel that a class or the school might be at risk because of a new COVID variant or a contagious illness is spreading like strep, for example, we might require mask wearing for a short period of time. During this past year with all the children wearing masks, we had no reported cases of strep and respiratory flu.
- **All of our teaching staff and any substitute teachers are fully vaccinated.** Masks are not required for vaccinated teachers inside the school building, but they too are required to have a mask at school.
- Upon arrival on campus, all children (MMO & Preschool) are screened for fever. Any child with a fever of 100.4 degrees will not be allowed to attend school.
- If a child has a fever or any of these listed symptoms, that child must remain home for 48 hours before returning to school.
- Children with the following symptoms must stay home and may need medical care. Signs of illness can include but are not limited to:
  - Fever of 100.4
  - Loss of taste and smell
  - Severe headache
  - Flushed cheeks
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - New or worsening cough
  - Diarrhea, nausea or vomiting
  - Rash
  - Sore throat
- If allergies are a chronic situation for your child, we need a doctor's note to keep on file. A child may also be tested for COVID-19. If the result is negative, the child may return to school.
- If a family member of a child tests positive for COVID-19, the child will need to remain home in quarantine. The timing of this quarantine will be determined by DHEC. Notification to the school is mandatory.

- If a staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the staff member will need to remain home in isolation. The timing of this isolation will be determined by DHEC. Notification to the school is mandatory.
- If there is a positive COVID-19 case in our school, parents will be notified and the school will be cleaned and disinfected.
- By cohorting our classes, our goal is to keep our school open but close the affected class. This may need to be determined on a case by case basis.
- A classroom with a reported case of COVID-19 will immediately be closed for a time determined by DHEC. A close contact person is defined as spending more than 15 minutes with a COVID positive person AND being in close proximity (less than 6 feet).
- At this time, preschool car line is used every morning and every afternoon. The children's assistants greet the families in the morning car line. Hand sanitizer or hand washing is used to clean little hands before children enter the classroom. In the afternoon, children with their teachers or assistants are outside at each loading station for a safe and happy dismissal. Parents assist their children from the cars in the morning and into the cars in the afternoon.
- Mother's Morning Out children are screened outside next to their classroom entrance.
- If a parent/guest is inside our building, hand sanitizer must be applied and masks must be worn to limit exposure to the children. Having a large group of parents come into our classrooms is discouraged at this time, but we certainly don't mind a hallway visit and peek in the room. We look forward to revisiting this policy as the year progresses.
- **While we cannot legally require proof of vaccination, if parents are vaccinated, they may VOLUNTARILY email the school their vaccine record as proof of immunization. Once we have received proof and made note on our school records, these guests do not need to wear a face covering inside the school building. Without this proof, we will continue to require face coverings.** When sending the vaccine email with an image of the vaccination card or sheet to [enietert@christch.org](mailto:enietert@christch.org), please title the subject header this: Vaccine-Last Name (for example, Vaccine-Smith).
- At this time, we plan on keeping classes self-contained (cohorted) for daily activities. By limiting exposure to other classes during the day, our goal is to contain the spread of germs from class to class. This means that one class at a time will use the playground or large recreation/music rooms.
- Details of school festivities will be determined as the school year progresses.
- We are committed to keeping in touch with parents. All parents are asked to join Remind texting service and a private social media platform for their child's class at the start of the year. This will be extremely useful to establish in advance if a school closure becomes necessary. Also, the director will send weekly emails called Day School Updates.
- Healthy habits such as covering a cough, washing hands, using hand sanitizing, disinfecting toys and frequently used surfaces is practiced everyday.
- ALL 3K and 4K children must bring a mask to school everyday just like they would bring a lunchbox. We have purchased carabiner D shaped clips for all the children's tote bags so their masks are easily accessible and visible for the teachers in the mornings.
- Outdoor school activities do not require a mask.
- Parents can help support our guidelines by practicing healthy habits, informing us of any illness, and keeping sick children at home.