

Noah's Ark COVID-19: UPDATES 8/2/22

Noah's Ark is currently mask optional for staff and children. ALL VISITORS MUST wear a mask. If you arrive at school with a mask your child will be reminded and encouraged to continue wearing the mask appropriately.

All children, staff, visitors will:

- Participate in daily health screenings at arrival
- Be expected to remain home when feeling ill or exhibiting ANY symptoms. Children exhibiting symptoms at school will be sent home, and may not return to school until they have a negative COVID test and are symptom free.
- Follow contact tracing, isolation, quarantining and other COVID-19 related protocols.
- Follow travel guidelines:
 - International Travel: Regardless of vaccination status, travelers MUST quarantine and test for COVID on day four or later.
 - Domestic travel:
 - Up to date vaccinated individuals may return to school with vaccine documentation and wear a well fitted mask for 10 days.
 - Unvaccinated or those not current with vaccine/booster may return symptom free with a negative COVID test taken on day 4 or later after returning home and wear a well fitted mask.
 - Children under the age of 2 and those unable to wear a well fitted mask are to isolate at home for a full ten days.

All staff will continue to follow heightened cleaning and sanitization procedures.

Noah's Ark will continue to utilize a RGF Photohydroionization PHI UV Air purifier in the duct work to silently and continuously reduce airborne contaminants.

What to do if COVID POSITIVE

- Isolate for 5 days (test date is day zero)
- Wear a well fitted mask days 6-10
- Return to childcare on day 6 with NO symptoms

What to do if a close contact?

- See test-to-stay policy attached!

Test-to-Stay instead of quarantine

This policy allows children and staff to stay in childcare after a COVID-19 exposure, instead of quarantining at home with limited disruption to school when exhibiting NO SYMPTOMS.

Test-to-stay is for those who:

- Are up to date with the vaccine (2 weeks post second shot and/or booster if applicable)
- Were exposed to COVID-19
- Would normally quarantine at home

Children can test-to-stay if:

- They are 2 and older AND can wear a tightly fitted mask
- They are completely symptom free
- They are NOT a household contact of a COVID-19 case.
 - If you are a household contact--your quarantine begins the day after their quarantine ends (Day 11. You may test on day 14 if symptom free.)

How Test-to-Stay Works

Get tested

- Get tested for COVID-19 after exposure. FDA approved home tests are acceptable when accompanied with the affidavit form and photo of negative test with child's initials and date test taken written on the test.
- Get tested for COVID-19 again on day 5 (exposure is day zero). If test is negative and child has no symptoms they can stay in childcare.

Wear a mask

- Wear a mask at childcare, both indoors AND outdoors for days 1-10. Date of exposure is day zero.
- Quarantine when not at childcare.
- Do not attend ANY other events, gatherings, or activities--especially ones where you can not wear a mask.

If you develop COVID-19 symptoms, or test positive:

Stay home for 5 days and call us at (732) 985-0001 or send a message to admin via Brightwheel for further guidance.

Children who are up to date with their COVID vaccine or had COVID in the past 90 days do not need to test to return to childcare.

They are required to wear a mask for days 1-10 after exposure.

ALL staff and children are to maintain an extra supply of masks in their cubbies. In the event of an exposure in school all children will be required to wear a mask. Those unable to do so will need immediately be dismissed from school and need to complete a full quarantine at home following CDC guidelines.