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Purchase Children's Center Covid-19 Guidelines

In an effort to minimize the spread and impact of Covid-19 in our school, we have adopted these guidelines based on recommendations from the CDC, Westchester County Department of Health and the Office of Children and Family Services. As we have learned over the last two plus years, this virus is adaptable and can become more or less transmissible without notice. Therefore, this guidance is subject to change based on the status of transmission in our community as well as our own experiences dealing with the virus in our school.

We continue to recommend frequent hand washing and monitoring of potential symptoms. As always, we ask that if your child is ill, whether it be Covid-19 or the common cold, that you keep your child home. Please review the guidelines below and follow them this school year.

- Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 must stay out of the program for 5 days OR until they receive a negative COVID-19 test (whichever is first). Before returning to the program, symptoms must be improving, and you must be fever-free for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medication.
- Anyone who comes to the program with symptoms or who develops symptoms while at the program will be sent home and encouraged to get tested. Symptomatic children or staff will be required to wear a mask until they leave the program.
- Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 will be restricted from the program for a period of at least 5 days. In order to return to the program, symptoms must be improving, and the individual must be fever-free for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medication.
- Anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 and is returning to the program after Day 5 must wear a well-fitting mask through day 10. Individuals who cannot tolerate a mask may return to the program following two (2) negative COVID tests, taken 48 hours apart, on Day 6 and Day 8 at the earliest. Pictures of the negative tests should be sent to preschool@purchasehouse.com.
- Anyone who has had close contact with someone with COVID-19 must wear a mask in the program for 5 days. If they cannot tolerate a mask, they must test daily before arriving at the program. Pictures of the negative test should be sent to preschool@purchasehouse.com. Close contact means when a person was within six feet of someone with COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes in a 24-hour period.