

## **Covid Response Plan – Peninsula Preschool**

The health and safety of your child and family is our primary concern. We don't know how long Covid will affect our lives, however while the risk exists we have determined protocols to reduce the transmission and risk at school. The Door County Health Department has done an amazing job providing vaccinations leading to a reduction in active cases in the county. We know the plan is likely to change in response to the virus, but we hope that change will be positive and will lead to fewer restrictions as the school year progresses. This plan is in response to the Coronavirus at this moment in time. As the school year progresses there may be revisions to this plan.

**Please review the daily health checklist with your child each morning before school.**

**If the answer is yes to any of the questions, please stay home and notify Jill at school. All health information will be kept strictly confidential.**

### **DAILY HEALTH CHECKLIST:**

1. Have you been in close contact with a confirmed or possible case of COVID-19 (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more?)
2. Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat?
3. Have you had a fever of 100.4 or higher in the last 48 hours?
4. Have you had new loss of taste or smell?
5. Have you had a muscle pain or chills?
6. Have you had new headache?
7. Have you had nausea, vomiting or diarrhea?

### **HEALTH AND SCREENING:**

- Please review the Daily Health Checklist with your child before school. (See above.)
- A temperature of 100.4 or higher indicates that the child or teacher needs to stay home from school. Your child needs to be fever free (without fever reducing medication) for 72 hours before returning to school.
- Please stay home if anyone in your family is under a 10-day quarantine for COVID-19 (unless your child has tested negative.)
- Please remain home while awaiting results of a COVID-19 test.
- Anyone who has a fever or answers yes to any of the screening question should stay home and call the Door County Medical Center at 920-743-5566 for advise and testing.
- All health symptoms mentioned in the Parent Handbook which describes active symptoms will be strictly followed.
- If you have concerns about Covid, please contact Jill at 847-804-0914 or [HollandHarkaway@gmail.com](mailto:HollandHarkaway@gmail.com). All health information will be strictly confidential.

- Notifications about exposure to the Coronavirus at school or school closure will be communicated through the Remind text message app and by email.
- If a student becomes ill at school we will call to have the child picked up at the earliest convenience. Please have emergency contact information up to date and on file in case we are unable to reach you.

#### **FACEMASKS:**

Children and staff will be required to wear facemasks while at school. This policy is adopted directly from recommendations from the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics. As with all other guidelines, the board will continue to reassess the emerging best practices. During socially distanced snack time, the masks may be removed. While outdoors, masking will be required during times when physical distancing of 6 feet cannot be maintained (free play). During structured outdoor time, masking will be left to the discretion of the teachers as long as distancing can be maintained (circle time).

#### **IF YOUR CHILD DEVELOPS SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 WHILE AT SCHOOL**

Students and staff who become sick at school or who arrive at school sick are sent home as soon as possible. Sick students will be made comfortable in a separate area from well students and staff until the sick person can be sent home. Please make certain that emergency contacts are kept up to date if we need to reach someone when you are not available.

#### **IF SOMEONE IN THE PROGRAM TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19**

- Families will be notified if a student or staff member tests positive. The privacy of students will be respected at all times.
- Students who have tested positive are required to quarantine for 14 days.
- The CDC recommends students and staff who has been directly exposed to someone testing positive remain home for 14 days before returning to preschool. Anyone who has been fully vaccinated and show no symptoms does not need to quarantine as well as anyone who has had the virus within the last 3 months, has recovered, and remains symptom free.
- We will follow Door County Health Department recommendations for quarantining an entire class.
- Recommendations are likely to change and we will follow the policies of the Door County Health Department and the CDC as circumstances change.

#### **DROP OFF AND PICK UP:**

- Please escort your child into the building to hang up their backpack and take your child to the bathroom. Please place your child's labeled water bottle and daily snack in the basket in the cloak room. We ask for your patience and to maintain social distancing during the drop off. Parents, staff, and children need to wear masks during the drop off.
- If we are starting the day outside, please bring your child out to join the class on the playground.
- If we are starting the day inside, please say goodbye at the top of the stairs where a teacher will see your child down to the classroom.

- You may arrive starting at 8:45 am to stagger arrivals and avoid congestion.
- Teachers will bring the children upstairs for pick-up at the front door of the building.

#### **EVERYDAY PLEASE SEND:**

- A **labeled** mask, gaiter, or bandana
- A **labeled** backpack or zippered bag (The outerwear will be kept inside the bag during the day)
- A **labeled** water bottle
- A **labeled** snack
- A complete change of clothing in a **labeled** ziplock bag.
- A personal Hand sanitizer to be kept in the backpack
- A **labeled** beach or bath towel
- A **labeled** pencil box with safety scissors, crayons and/or pencils for personal use.

Weather permitting, we be outside. Please send your child with layers of clothing for comfort both inside and out. It is our goal to be outside as much as possible. As the seasons change please consider rain and snow boots, rain and snow gear. We will have a wonderful time outdoors as long as we wear appropriate clothing for the weather. While we might consider going outside in a gentle rain, we will be definitely be inside during a storm or when the air temperature is below 15 degrees (including the wind chill) or above 100 degrees including the relative humidity. Common sense will determine if the weather is safe to go outside on any given day.

#### **SNACK:**

- Please package a snack for your child each day to enjoy at school and send it in a labeled container. Please send a napkin and cutlery if your child will need it for the snack. We will use the individual water bottles as a drink during snack
- Please send nutritious snack food which will fuel your child's body and brain. These include fresh fruit and vegetables, whole grains, cheese, or yogurt. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND SUGARY, DESSERT SNACKS TO SCHOOL.**
- We are a nut free school to protect children with nut allergies. Please do not send nuts or nut butter to school. Thank you for your help. If you child has an allergy, please be sure to inform the school so we can keep your child safe.

#### **CLEANING AND SANITIZING:**

- Bathrooms will be sanitized after each use and at the beginning and end of each school day
- Surfaces will be disinfected regularly. (Tables, doorknobs, hand rails, etc...)
- Toys will be disinfected daily.
- Hands will be washed before and after eating snack and before and after using the restroom.