

COVID Plan for Beginning of 2022-2023 School Year

Dear Preschool Families:

We hope you had a safe and enjoyable summer! Following is our COVID plan for families for the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year.

COVID POLICY on August 31, 2022

Current Policy (Subject to Change)

At this time Anderson Hills Preschool will not require staff or children to wear masks while attending preschool. Parents may choose to send their child in a mask if desired. Anderson Hills Preschool will monitor community transmission, vaccination coverage, the occurrence of outbreaks, and local policies and regulations to guide decisions on the use of layered prevention strategies. In the event of increased transmission or outbreaks in our community, one or more of the following layered prevention strategies may be implemented: mask wearing, limiting the number of children and staff that meet together, improved ventilation, limiting access to the preschool or closing classrooms.

Staying Home When Sick

Children who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza or COVID-19, must stay home and may be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care. Staying home when sick with COVID-19 is essential to prevent spread to others.

The overlap between COVID-19 symptoms with other common illnesses means that some people with symptoms of COVID-19 could be ill with something else. This is even more likely in young children, who typically have multiple viral illnesses each year.

Children with the following symptoms will not be permitted to attend the preschool:

- Fever (temperature 100.4 °F or higher)
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or stomach ache
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

Children who have COVID-19 can be around others after:

- 10 full days since symptoms first appeared or positive test date if child did not exhibit any symptoms (returning to school on Day 11) **and**
- 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
- Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving

Quarantine Information

Unvaccinated children who have close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 must stay home for five full days **after their last exposure** to that person. Close contact is defined as within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. Children may return to preschool on Day 6 if they do not have any symptoms AND test negative for COVID-19. Note: Testing must take place on Day 6, **five full days after their last exposure** to that person. Children who are exposed but not tested will be required to quarantine at home ten full days.

Children who have been vaccinated are not required to quarantine after exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID.

If a child develops symptoms while in a classroom with other children, that child will immediately be isolated and sent home. The classroom will be cleaned, disinfected and properly ventilated to reduce the risk of infection. The preschool may choose to close a classroom for a period of time to prevent spreading of the virus.

Each diagnosis will be handled on a case-by-case basis and parents will be notified if their child has been impacted.

Reporting Requirements

Please notify the preschool office if your child develops COVID-19. We are required to report all COVID-19 cases to both the Hamilton County Department of Health and our licensing agency, the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services (ODJFS).

As stated in our parent handbook, no refund of tuition will be made because of absenteeism due to quarantine regulations affecting your child and/or the class.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to school! Please feel free to contact me at 513-231-4688 or sbishop@andersonhills.org if you have any questions.

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