



## **Cornerstone Center for Early Learning COVID Updates (11/15/22)**

### **VACCINATIONS**

- All children 6 months or older can now be vaccinated against COVID-19.
- CCEL strongly encourages all families to consider the Covid vaccine for any child/ren yet will not be mandating the vaccine for children.
- CCEL will continue to encourage the vaccine and booster for all staff or volunteers. It is our goal to keep everyone at CCEL safe and healthy!
- Should you have questions about the vaccine, please contact the [St. Louis City Health Department](mailto:health@stlouis-mo.gov) at (314) 657-1499 or [health@stlouis-mo.gov](mailto:health@stlouis-mo.gov).

### **MASKING INSIDE**

- CCEL welcomes caregiver drop off and pick up at the classroom door
- Cornerstone Center will adopt a mask optional policy. This means it will be at the discretion of each adult whether to wear a facemask if vaccinated.
- An unvaccinated individual will continue to wear a facemask and anyone with a known Covid exposure should wear a facemask for 10 days following the exposure.
- Masking indoors is subject to change based on case numbers or surges in illness.



### **IF CHILD/STAFF TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID**

- In the event of a positive test of a staff member or child, all caregivers and staff will be notified.
- If they are [up to date](#) on vaccines, masked adults can return to CCEL after 5 days IF they are non-symptomatic.
- For children and unvaccinated adults, a full 10-day isolation will continue to be required from the date of positive test.

### **IF CHILD/STAFF ARE EXPOSED TO COVID**

- Non-symptomatic children and staff will not be required to quarantine. This means entire classrooms will no longer be “automatically” closed.
- Children showing Covid symptoms must remain home and will be allowed to return with a negative PCR test.
- CCEL will continue to maintain air purifiers in every classroom and in common spaces, isolate children by age group, and uphold COVID policies.
- If exposure is from a member of the same household, non-symptomatic children must have a negative PCR test the day after exposure to return to school. The child must receive a 2<sup>nd</sup> negative PCR test 5 days later to continue to attend school. If at any time the child shows signs up Covid, they should remain out of school and be tested.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

- All classroom volunteers are required to show proof of vaccination status.