

Connecticut Farms Church Nursery School Covid Policy 2023

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES

- For the time being, we will have no visitors in the building. Only the staff and children will be permitted inside the preschool. This is subject to change.
- Each child should be walked to the entrance by their parent/guardian.
- Your child will be escorted to his or her classroom and then they will wash their hands

Children will be asked to stay home or return home if any of the following applies:

- Has cold, flu, Covid-19 like symptoms and/or other known possible contagious virus/disease symptoms as stated in the Handbook
- Has or have had a fever of 100.1 or higher (may return after child has been 24 hours fever free WITHOUT fever reducing medicine)

Face Coverings:

- We are following all state and local guidelines regarding face coverings.
- Wearing Masks is optional at this time for all Staff and Children
- **The school has the right to change the mask policy at any time, it is considered to be necessary (In the event of high Covid numbers or if there is an outbreak in the school or in a particular classroom**

To prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Children with signs/symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been exposed to others with COVID-19 will be asked to stay home.
- Children who develop signs/symptoms of COVID-19 while at the program will be separated from others and the program staff will contact the family member and/or emergency contact to pick the child up. **A guardian must arrive within 30 minutes of being contacted.**
- **If a child becomes ill with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 while in school, the CDC recommends, the child wear a mask until they leave the premises.**
- Please teach your children to: Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues, throw tissues in the trash, and clean hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer (if soap and water is not readily available).
- We will: Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least daily, including tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- For added safety, different classes will not interact with one another

Exposure:

Children and staff who come into close contact with someone with COVID-19, can continue to attend school:

- Quarantine is no longer recommended for people who are exposed to COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status
- As long as they remain symptom free. CDC recommends that individuals who were exposed to COVID-19 wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days after exposure.
- Those who have been exposed, should get tested after 5 days or more after last close contact with someone with COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status.

If an enrolled child or employee tests positive for COVID-19:

- The local public health department and the Department of Children and Families Bureau of Early Care Regulation will be contacted. CFCNS will follow their guidance for the next steps.
- The program will notify families of any confirmed staff or child cases of COVID-19.
- If there is a case of COVID-19 among children or staff, the decision to stay open or to close will be based on recommendations from our local health department.

Returning to a child care facility after suspected COVID-19 symptoms

If a staff member or child has symptoms of COVID-19 or tested positive with COVID-19, they can return to the child care facility after we receive and share the recommendations from our local health department. The virus variants are changing as are the recommendations.

- Staff and children who have presumed or confirmed COVID-19 must stay home and isolate for at least 5 full days before returning and must be symptom free upon returning.
- Staff and children who return to school after 5 full days of isolation are required to mask during days 6-10, or until they test negative using two antigen tests collected at least 48 hours apart starting on day 6.
- Staff and children who once had symptoms can end isolation after 5 full days and return if they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and are symptom free, and can correctly wear a mask while inside or outside, even after all symptoms have ended (from day 6-10).
- Staff and children who are unable to consistently wear a mask when around others must continue to isolate for a full 10 days.