



## **Covid-19 Policies**

### **Screening & Prevention, Reporting, Testing, Closure & Refunds**

*Effective February 15, 2021*

#### **Screening & Prevention**

- Daily health questionnaires must be completed through Remini every morning prior to dropping off at school or your child will not be admitted that day. Please note that the questionnaire is modified as needed when policies/procedures change.
- Temperatures are screened at carpool. A child with a 99.6 temperature or above (using our ear thermometer) will not be admitted to school that day. The child's temperature must be normal (98.6 or below) for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to school.
- Any child with visible symptoms, regardless of temperature, may not be admitted to school that day.
- If you give your child medicine (fever or symptom reducing), and send your child to school that day, you will be asked to remove your child from the program this year.
- Clean face coverings are required daily for all children in the two, three and Pre-K classes. Please make sure that these are child-size not adult.
- Masks should be worn FROM getting out of the vehicle—not left in the classroom to be put on and should cover the nose and mouth. Please send your child in a CLEAN mask daily.
- Face coverings are required to be worn by all staff at all times, except when eating and drinking. Staff will eat and drink only when they are socially distanced from the children.

#### **Reporting, Exposures and Contact**

- If your child has direct contact or exposure to a household member who has Covid-19 or who is testing for Covid-19, you are required to report this exposure and to keep your child/ren out of school while waiting for the test results and/or quarantining.
- Direct contact is considered 15 or more minutes of contact with persons who are Covid-19 positive.
- Testing should be a minimum of three, preferably five days from the most recent exposure to that person.
- If household members test positive for Covid-19, it is recommended that all household members test.
- If a child enrolled in the preschool tests positive for Covid-19, s/he may return after either a negative PCR test or the 11<sup>th</sup> day after the positive diagnosis as long as they are asymptomatic.
- If a child enrolled in preschool does not get tested in a household where there is a Covid-19 positive member, s/he may return on the 15<sup>th</sup> day after the most recent household member first tested positive (as long as asymptomatic).
- Testing results need to be disclosed to the preschool as soon as they are received so that we can keep all class families apprised.
- Even if you believe your child did not come into direct contact with a household member, we still need you to inform us and keep the child/ren out per the above criteria.
- Additionally, you must notify us if anyone in your larger 'circle', extended family, co-worker, (people you/your child came in contact with) is Covid-19 positive and inform us with the most recent time you/your child/ren had contact with that person/s.
- It is critical for us to be informed and to contact-trace; we have the responsibility for keeping our entire DPJCC preschool family as safe as possible.
- Failure to notify us as requested above will result in children being asked to leave our program.
- Sending children to school with known positive Covid-19 results will result in children being asked to leave our program.

## **Siblings**

- Preschool and/or After-School or JSchooled siblings of exposed children must also stay out of school and may return to school with the same conditions listed above. Siblings are recommended to be tested if a household member tests positive. The DOH recommends that every household member be tested if one household member is positive for Covid-19.

## **Testing**

- The only acceptable Covid-19 test is the PCR or diagnostic test. We do not accept the rapid test, which is an antibody test. If you choose to use a rapid test, you must also do the PCR test as well.
- The timing of the testing must be a minimum of three days after the exposure; five days from exposure is recommended.
- The exception to the three-day minimum wait time is if the staff/child is showing any Covid-related symptoms; then they should test immediately.
- Test results must be provided to the DPJCC in writing on the testing facility form, showing child/staff name, date of test, and results.
- If you do not test your exposed child, s/he must remain out of school for a minimum of 14 days from the exposure date and the DPJCC may ask that the child/ren remain out longer. There are no refunds for those missed days.

## **Classroom Closure-Positive Cases in a Classroom**

- The class that has a positive case will temporarily close and will be deep cleaned.
- The minimum closure will be two days from the day the child or staff member was last in the program to allow for proper sanitizing.
- The date of that class reopening will be determined on a case by case basis.
- We work with the Broward Department of Health (DOH) to determine if (and which) children, households and staff require quarantining and/or testing. Each case is determined on an individual basis as the circumstances vary per case. This avoids a program-wide closure.
- The child/staff who tested positive must be symptom-free and have a negative PCR test result before returning to the program.

## **Refund Policy Due to Temporary Closure/Return to School**

If your child's class has a temporary closure, a 50% refund will be given for six or more missed consecutive school days within that month/following month. If we temporarily close for five or less consecutive school days, no refunds will be issued for those days within that month/following month.

You may choose to withdraw from the program for future months; however, we cannot guarantee space and there is a \$250 re-enrollment fee. Refunds will only be issued if the JCC closes, not if a parent chooses to withdraw from the program.

*Note: Covid-19 policies are subject to change as we learn more.*