

# Vienna Presbyterian Church Preschool

## COVID Protocols Effective March 7, 2022

### **Mask Optional for All**

Based on new metrics and CDC guidance, at this time VPC Preschool will move to a mask-optional policy for students, parents and staff. The decision to wear a mask or not is a personal one for our staff and families based on many factors. Families, please talk with your children about these upcoming changes so they are prepared for this transition and understand your expectations at school. Teachers will provide gentle reminders to those students who come to school in masks, but will not force children to wear a mask if they remove it. As a preschool community, we will provide frequent reminders that students should love their neighbor by respecting each family's choice.

In addition, please discuss with your children that there may be times when they will need to come to school in masks. The Virginia Department of Education has directed us to maintain our 5-day isolation and quarantine rule, followed by returning to school in masks day 6-10. This is a requirement for returning to preschool after isolation or quarantine.

### **Drop-off and Pick-up**

To minimize potential exposures in the preschool wing, we will continue our usual outdoor drop-off and pick-up procedures.

### **Daily Health Screen**

Please continue to do your part to maintain a healthy preschool environment by monitoring for illness and keeping students home when they are sick. The daily health screen is a very quick check for any symptoms or exposures, so please continue to fill this out and submit it daily.

### **If your child shows any signs of illness**

- Call your healthcare provider for advice on managing your child's care and testing options.
- Stay home and notify the office of your child's absence.
- Students who show signs of illness at school will be sent home.

### **If your child tests positive for COVID-19**

- Email the preschool office immediately at [preschool@viennapres.org](mailto:preschool@viennapres.org).
- Call your healthcare provider for advice on managing your child's care and testing options.

**ISOLATE** to prevent spreading the virus. The date symptoms began, or your positive test, is day ZERO. Stay home and isolate for a FULL 5 days.

- Your child may return to school beginning day 6 provided they are asymptomatic, they have not had a fever without fever reducing medications for at least 48 hours, AND they are wearing a mask effectively. If you are given different direction by your pediatrician or do not meet these conditions, continue to isolate until day 11.

**If your child is exposed to someone with COVID-19**

**QUARANTINE** to prevent spreading the virus. The date of your exposure is day ZERO. Stay home and quarantine for a FULL 5 days.

- Call your healthcare provider for advice on managing your child's care and testing options.
- If your child tests positive for COVID-19 during this 5-day period, follow the isolation guidance.
- If the exposure occurred at VPCP, that class will be closed for 5 days to allow all students to quarantine.
- VPCP will reopen the class from day 6-10 post exposure with additional safeguards.
- Students may return if they have no symptoms.
- Masks are required in day 6-10.
- Snack and lunch will be served day 6-10 either indoors, with students separated by 6 feet, or outdoors.
- If the exposure occurs outside of VPCP, your student may still return during day 6-10 post exposure, if your child has no symptoms and wears a mask.

Thanks for all you are doing to support a caring and safe preschool community for all of our families and staff.

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