

2022-2023 COVID-19 Self-Symptom Screening and Exposure Protocol

Self-Symptom Screening:

Staff and families **are asked to stay home if they are experiencing symptom(s) associated with any communicable diseases**. In addition, COVID-19 daily health screenings should be performed each day before coming to school.

Staff and families should **NOT** come to school with any of these symptoms:

- fever of 100.4 degrees or higher
- sore throat
- cough
- difficulty breathing
- diarrhea or vomiting
- headache
- new loss of taste or smell

Exposure Protocol:

	Guidance
COVID-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff and families must stay home ● COVID-19 testing is required for any new or worsening symptom ● If test is negative, may return when symptoms have improved and no fever for 24 hours without medication
Positive test for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff and families must stay home for 5 days from the start of symptoms or from the date of the positive test if no symptoms ● After day 5, may return if symptoms have improved and no fever for at least 24 hours without medication on day 6
Close contact at school or in the community but no symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff and families can continue to attend school ● A test at 3-5 days after exposure is recommended
Close contact with someone with known or suspected COVID-19 in the same household	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Children must stay home for 5 days from the date of exposure ● After day 5, may return if symptom-free on day 6 ● Adults may use their own discretion keeping the health and safety of our school body the priority ● A test at 3-5 days after exposure is recommended

*Day 0 is considered the day symptoms started or the day of a positive test

*WLCN protocols based on the updated guidance for school and child care programs developed by the Maryland Dept of Health (MDH) and the Maryland State Dept of Education (MSDE) released on 7/22/22.

https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/system/files/filedepot/3/covid_guidance_full_080420.pdf

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Drop-off	Parents must be masked during drop-off. Parents will sign in their child by the playground gate and the child will enter the cubby room. The child will put their belongings in their cubby and get in line to wash their hands.
Pick-up	Parents must be masked during pick-up. Parents will sign out and pick-up their child. Teachers will release children one at a time, as each parent arrives.
Symptom Screening	Adults and children will perform daily health screenings before school. The school's sick policy will be posted at drop-off.
Hand washing	Frequent hand washing will continue throughout the day including after drop-off, after bathroom use, after touching masks/faces, and in any other instances where the teachers deem it necessary.
Masks for children	Required indoors and outdoors for all children.
Masks for adults	Required indoors and outdoors for all adults.
Vaccine Cards	Proof of vaccination is required for each teacher, substitute, and co-op parent that will be volunteering in the classroom. No exceptions.
Testing	WLCN will accept either at-home rapid or PCR tests.
Snack	Snack time is placed on temporary hold in all classes.
Distancing	Supplies will be placed in individual, personalized bins to prevent sharing. Limit shared items like playdough to each class only. Try to spread activities out. Try to space children out at circle time.
Cleaning/Disinfecting/ Sanitizing	The classroom, bathrooms, and toys will all be cleaned after every class. Monthly deep-cleans of the classroom will also continue throughout the school year (Sept-June).
Air Quality	Continue to use the Medify Air MA-40 air purifier in the classroom, running 24/7. It purifies up to 840 sq ft and our space is 775 sq ft.

*If you believe your child has symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or your child has been in close contact with someone with known or suspected COVID-19 who lives in the same household, please keep your child home from school and contact the Lead Teacher/Director (irelynn@wlcnet.net) immediately.

*Child care programs must continue to follow existing procedures for reporting communicable diseases (COMAR 10.06.01) and immediately notify the local health department of a COVID-19 outbreak. The local health department will recommend control measures in response to the outbreak.