

Crossing Cooperative Nursery School (CCNS)

Health and Safety Plan: COVID-19 2021-2022

In order to reopen as safely as possible, our program has established COVID-19 policies and procedures. This plan is very fluid and may be adjusted based on the COVID-19 global pandemic and emergency needs of the school. It will be distributed to each family enrolled in Crossing Cooperative Nursery School (CCNS) as a required piece of the registration process. This plan can also be viewed on the CCNS website (www.crossingcooperative.org). CCNS will adjust this plan as needed due to State and Federal guidelines and CDC recommendations. We will follow all rules, regulations, and requirements as well as recommendations of the local, state, and federal government for the health and safety of students, families and staff. **After reading the plan below, please detach and sign the waiver at the end of this form and return it to CCNS before your child's first day of attendance.**

Safer Practices and Sick Child Policy – COVID-19

We at CCNS want you to know that we value the safety and well-being of you and your child(ren). For this reason, we ask that you take the time to read through the following policies that we have put into place to help keep everyone healthy and safe. We are committed to taking all of the necessary precautions to keep the students and staff safe and healthy.

****We ask all families to actively participate in at home self-screening.** Parents or caregivers are required to monitor their children for signs of infectious illness every day. **If your child(ren) exhibits two or more of the below symptoms your child is not permitted to attend CCNS that day.**

CCNS asks that you screen your child(ren) for the following symptoms which may appear **2-14 days after exposure** to COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Please note, the above list is not exhaustive.

Additionally:

- Please take note of whether your child(ren) or anyone in your household has been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 10 days.

****If, during the school day, you become aware that your child is a close contact of someone with COVID-19, we ask that you contact the school immediately.**

Sick Child (During School) Policy. If a child shows two or more of the above-mentioned symptoms of COVID-19 during school, the child will be isolated. A designated staff member will remain with the child, while wearing appropriate PPE, and the child's family will be contacted for immediate pick up. **Please have plans in place to ensure you or your emergency contact is available if this should occur.** For this reason, it is very important that your contact and emergency contact information is up to date. The isolation area will be disinfected after the child leaves for the day.

Face Coverings. Children and CCNS staff are required to wear masks while indoors. Face coverings will be optional while outdoors. We ask that you label your child's face mask or shield with their name and that you include a back-up with their extra pair of clothing. In order to ensure compliance, CCNS will have masks available. This requirement is consistent with the latest guidance from the CDC. CCNS will discuss and change policy monthly at minimum, on an as needed basis, or as guided by the PA Department of Health, CDC, and AAP.

****Updated Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures:** Drop off time will now be from 8:55am-9:00am outside at your child's designated entry point. Parents will continue to drop off children at either the front or side door. We ask that you wait with your child until they have entered the building. When picking up your child(ren), please wait at the designated area and a staff person will dismiss your child one at a time.

Updated Snack Routine. Snack will continue to be brought by the Super Star family. Please refer to our snack tips and reminders for more information. Please send your child to school with a water bottle labeled with his/her name, as there will be no sharing of the community water cooler. Snack will be spaced out best as possible throughout the room. Weather permitting snack will be eaten outside.

****CCNS Staff Vaccination.** CCNS staff must be vaccinated against COVID-19. All staff must abide by the face mask policy while indoors. Boosters are strongly recommended for all eligible staff.

***Parents and Caregivers in the School Building.** We are asking caregivers who enter the school (for longer than 15 minutes while children are present) to either show proof of vaccination for COVID-19 or a negative COVID-19 test in the past 48 hours, in addition to wearing a face mask at all times. This includes Room Parents, volunteers for any parties, caregivers of WeePals, etc. Proof of vaccination or testing should be shown to a CCNS staff member upon entering the building. Proof of vaccination may be either an electronic or paper version.

****International Travel.** CCNS will follow the CDC's recommendation for both unvaccinated and vaccinated travelers, as some students of CCNS are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. The CDC recommends (as of 12/21/2021) unvaccinated travelers get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel **AND** stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel. If you choose not to get tested, you must stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel. Vaccinated travelers are to get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel. There are no testing requirements for domestic travel.

Safety and Sanitization Policy: COVID 19

PROMOTING A SAFE AND CLEAN ENVIRONMENT

- **Prior to opening the school.** The school will undergo a full deep cleaning including a critical point disinfectant, floors and carpets will be deep cleaned and waxed prior to opening.
- **Daily Cleaning/Ongoing Cleaning.** CCNS staff will place an emphasis on high touch surfaces to be cleaned such as frequently touched surfaces, at least daily. These areas include, but are not limited to: tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
 - Each student will be required to bring a hard plastic, wipeable, pencil case to school with materials that cannot be effectively sanitized and disinfected between students (i.e. crayons, pencils, and scissors). The pencil case, and materials contained therein, will only be used by your child.
- **Weekly.** Each week, a professional cleaning service will complete cleanings on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights.
- **Monthly.** On a monthly basis, there will be a fogging and disinfecting to high touch surfaces using a cleaning solution called BenzaRid. This cleaning solution is proven to kill bacteria and viruses upon application.
- **Ventilation.** All classrooms are mechanically ventilated. When the weather is appropriate ceiling fans and windows will be utilized to improve ventilation. An air purifier will be present and on in each room.
- **Signage.** Signs reminding all people on premise of the effectiveness of hand washing and covering coughs will be displayed in visually appropriate areas.
- **Hand Washing.** CCNS will practice hand washing and hand sanitizing upon arrival to the program, before/after meals and snacks, after outdoor play, after using the bathroom, prior to going home, after nose blowing or assisting a child with blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- **Training.** The Administration will also stay aware of any changes to federal, state & local guidance related to COVID-19 and continue to update those enrolled in the school, as needed.

Returning to CCNS After Testing Positive for Coronavirus, Displaying COVID-19 Symptoms, or Having Coronavirus Exposure

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

CCNS will work with our local public health department, the Bucks County Department of Health (BCDH), and will follow their guidance with respect to the required next steps. The BCDH recommendation will serve as a minimum guide. CCNS reserves the right to implement a stricter return policy on a case-by-case basis.

When communication with the BCDH is not available within a timely manner, CCNS will be guided by the quarantine guidelines established by the CDC (most recently updated on 12/27/21 available at <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1227-isolation-quarantine-guidance.html>).

If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status:

- Stay home for 5 days from the date of a positive test result.
- If your symptoms have *completely* resolved, you may return to school on Day 6.
- Staff or students in school, on Days 6-10 of their illness must wear a well-fitting mask at all times, including outdoors. If your child is unable to consistently wear their mask during Days 6-10, you will be asked to pick your child up from school and they may return on Day 11.
- Children returning to school on Days 6-10 will be seated independently during snack time to reduce risk of close contact.

If a student or staff member is exposed to someone with COVID-19 AND:

Have been boosted **OR** Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months **OR** Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months

- Wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days, including outdoors. If your child is unable to consistently wear their mask, you will be asked to pick your child up from school and they may return on Day 11.
- Test on day 5 and report results to CCNS.

*If you develop symptoms stay home until you have a negative test result. **If you develop a positive test result, see the above instructions.***

If a student or staff member is exposed to someone with COVID-19 AND:

Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted **OR** Completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted **OR** Are unvaccinated

- Stay home for 5 days from your last day of close contact.
 - For example, a household member tests positive on January 1st and is considered infectious from January 1st – 10th. If the student is not self-isolating from the household member, the last day of close contact for that student is January 10th.
 - For example, a household member tests positive on January 1st and is considered infectious from January 1st – 10th. If the student is self-isolating from the household member beginning January 1st, the student may return to school on January 7th (i.e. five days after the last close contact).
- Test on Day 5 and report results to CCNS.
- If negative, you may return to school on Day 6.
- Staff or students in school, on Days 6-10 post-exposure must wear a well-fitting mask at all times, including outdoors. If your child is unable to consistently wear their mask during Days 6-10, you will be asked to pick your child up from school and they may return on Day 11.

*If on Days 6-10 you develop symptoms, stay home until you have a repeat negative test result. **If you develop a positive test result, see the above instructions.***

**If/when the BCDH considers any student or staff member a close contact, families will be notified immediately via email with further instructions for testing and potential class closures.

If there is a case of COVID-19 among more than 2 children or staff in a class, we may consider a short-term (less than 1 week) or long-term (1 week or more) closure to allow for sufficient cleaning and disinfection. Our decision to stay open or close will be based on recommendations from the BCDH.

**Due to fixed costs, we cannot guarantee a tuition refund for time closed due to COVID-19. Duration of closures will be made on a case-by-case basis based on the most up-to-date information about COVID-19 and the specific situation in our community. If you decide to pause your child's attendance, for any reason, CCNS is unable to prorate tuition or refund enrichments and Lunch-and-Learns.

Teacher staffing during these times may be limited. Therefore, CCNS reserves the right to close the school unexpectedly based on federal, state and local guidance.

*Added 9/28/2021 from original document

** Added 12/29/2021 from document on 9/28/2021

January 2022 Parent Health and Safety Plan Acknowledgement

Child's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

The undersigned, parent(s)/guardian(s) of the child(ren) listed above, has read and agrees to abide by the Crossing Cooperative Nursery School (CCNS) Health and Safety Plan: COVID-19. I acknowledge that failure to act in accordance with the provisions listed herein, or with any other policy or procedure outlined by Crossing Cooperative Nursery School, may result in termination of enrollment.

Parent/Guardian #1 Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian #2 Signature: _____

Date: _____