

# Crossing Cooperative Nursery School (CCNS)

## Health and Safety Plan: COVID-19 2022-2023

The Health and Safety of the CCNS community is high priority. Therefore, in an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within our community, 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](http://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. CCNS continues to take the necessary precautions to provide a safe environment for all and will update our policies and plans as needed.

**After reading the plan below, please keep a copy for your reference. CCNS will deem the Health and Safety Plan as accepted if not signed and received by September 9, 2022.**

## **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 removed from the classroom and brought to an administrator.

**Face Coverings.** Face coverings, including both masks and face shields, will be optional for students and CCNS staff to wear while indoors and outdoors. This requirement is consistent with the latest guidance from the CDC (dated 2/25/22) using Community Levels as a benchmark. CCNS will frequently review the Community Level for Bucks County and surrounding area and make any changes as needed (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html>).

- CCNS will take appropriate action to ensure that no students/staff members are treated differently based on their decision to wear or not wear a face covering.
- Please note below, students and CCNS staff will continue to be required to wear a face covering for 5 days if they become a close contact for COVID-19. Students and staff will also be required to wear a face covering when returning from their COVID-19 quarantine from days 6-10.

**Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures:** Drop off time is 8:55am-9:00am outside at your child's designated entry point - either the front or side door. When picking up your child(ren), please wait at the designated area and a staff member will dismiss your child one at a time.

**Snack Routine.** Snack will continue to be brought by the Super Star family. Please send your child to school with a water bottle labeled with his/her name. Snack will be spaced out best as possible throughout the room. Weather permitting snack will be eaten outside.

**CCNS Staff and Student Vaccination.** CCNS highly recommends consulting your doctor, and following applicable CDC guidelines, regarding vaccines to protect against COVID-19.

**International and Domestic Travel.** Please refer to the CDC website for current testing requirements for international and 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. 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 at least daily. These areas include, but are not limited to: tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- **Professional Cleaning.** Each week, a professional cleaning service will complete cleanings on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights.
- **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 stay current on any changes to federal, state, and local guidance related to COVID-19 and will update those enrolled in the school, as needed.

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

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

When communication with the BCDH is not available within a timely manner, CCNS will be guided by the quarantine guidelines established by the CDC and CHOP Policy Lab

- School Guidance: Updated on 8/11/22 and available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-childcare-guidance.html>
- General Guidance: Updated on 8/11/22 and available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/if-you-were-exposed.html>
- CHOP Policy Lab: Updated in Jan 2022 and available at <https://policylab.chop.edu/sites/default/files/pdf/publications/PolicyLab-CHOP-Guidance-Managing-COVID-19-Other-Seasonal-Viruses-ECE-Settings.pdf>

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

- Stay home for 5 days from the date of onset of symptoms or a positive test result (if symptoms did not develop); **and**
- On Day 6, if the student or staff has improving symptoms and has been fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications, they may return to school; and
- On days 6-10, the student or staff must wear a well-fitting mask at all times, 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.

### **If a student or staff member is exposed to someone with COVID-19 regardless of vaccination status:**

- Wear a well-fitting mask around others for 5 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; and
- 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/when CCNS 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 and from the CCNS Administration.

Due to fixed costs, we cannot refund tuition/enrichment fees 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-Learn sessions.

**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.**

**CCNS Fall 2022 Update**  
**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: \_\_\_\_\_