



November 6, 2020

Hello PIC Families,

Everyone is aware that the COVID-19 rates are rising rapidly across the country. With the holidays quickly approaching, I send this as a request of all PIC families to have a high level awareness of the effects of travel and of large gatherings.

Please consider this “the year of COVID-19” and remember that decisions will be made this year that may look very different than last year and from years ahead. **Making different decisions about holiday travel and celebrations this year has the potential of preventing COVID outbreaks that may result in PIC’s unscheduled closure.**

Once again this involves a request of significant partnership between PIC and every single one of our families.

PIC already has a policy requiring families and staff to quarantine for 14 days following travel to any "hot spot" area in the country.

***Anyone in the household of a PIC enrolled child who travels to a state currently listed on [PA's travel advisory list](#) should self-quarantine for a 14-day period. The quarantine period begins on the date of return to Philadelphia or surrounding areas. This is true regardless of whether or not you or your child receives a COVID-19 test.***

We know that many people may not be planning to travel outside of PA, but may plan on celebrating the holidays with people outside of their household. The CDC has posted new guidance on hosting and attending holiday celebrations. The best recommendation is to limit holiday gatherings this year to immediate family/household members. We ask that you review the CDC guidance around holiday celebrations during COVID-19 and consider the PIC Community when doing so. The CDC guidance is here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>

***All families and staff are asked to limit holiday gatherings to those defined as “lowest risk” or “more risk” by the CDC guidelines. Families or staff who participate in any gatherings defined as “higher risk” or “highest risk” should quarantine for a 14-day period from the time of the gathering.***

Please contact Executive Director Deb Green ([dgreen@parentinfantcenter.org](mailto:dgreen@parentinfantcenter.org)) or Assistant Director Jessica Carter ([jcarter@parentinfantcenter.org](mailto:jcarter@parentinfantcenter.org)) to inform us of your need to stay home from PIC for either of these outlined situations.

We will continue to monitor any changing recommendations and will share them as we receive them. Our protocols have been working well thus far. Our goal continues to be to keep us all healthy and safe AND to keep PIC open.

As always, we all greatly appreciate your partnership as we continue to navigate these difficult times.

*Thank you for believing in PIC.*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debbie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Deb Green  
Executive Director