



PIC COVID Policy Update- July 7, 2021
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

With the decrease in COVID-19 case numbers in our area and the increase in vaccination rates, this communication is to inform you of two changes to our current COVID protocols and policies.

1. Following the guidance of the CDC and the PA Department of Health, **PIC will NOT require quarantine after gatherings with unvaccinated individuals outside of the household.**

Although quarantine after an unmasked gathering with unvaccinated individuals will no longer be required, we will continue to support the CDC *recommendation* that unvaccinated individuals, which includes ALL PIC children, wear masks at indoor gatherings with more than one other household of unvaccinated people.

For additional guidance on children and mask wearing, please see the link below.

https://www.phila.gov/media/20210617144025/PDPH_MaskFlyer_R4.pdf

2. **Beginning Monday, July 19, families in preschool classrooms will enter PIC buildings at **DROP-OFF ONLY**.* *This includes Blue Jays, Butterflies, Fireflies, Grasshoppers, Hummingbirds, Leapfrogs, and Roadrunners.***

Just as with our infant and toddler classrooms:

- **Preschool families MAY NOT enter the classroom.**
- A teacher will welcome your child at the classroom door.

*We plan to begin indoor pick-up sometime in August. We hope to have these new protocols well practiced before many new children and families join our community in September.

Important details as we begin this process:

- **Masks:** Everyone entering the buildings **MUST** wear a mask.
- **Only one drop-off person** may enter the building at drop-off on any given day.
- **Drop-off times:** In order for this to work, all families **MUST** keep with their current drop-off times so we can control the number of people in the hallways at one time. If you need to adjust your drop-off time, please email Grace at gpiana@parentinfantcenter.org.
- **COVID Screening:** Before entering the building, the drop-off person **MUST** complete the electronic screening tool and show their “green screen” to the classroom teacher.
- **Phone home?** If you do not have your phone to show the green screen, please don't enter the building. Ring the bell and an administrator will ask you the screening questions before letting you in.

- **Key fobs:** All Early Learning families will use key fobs to enter the building AT DROP-OFF. If you do not currently have a fob, you will receive one from Julie Wesenberg before July 19. If you already have a fob, it will be re-activated. If you do not receive a fob by July 15, please email Julie at jwesenberg@parentinfantcenter.org.

What to do upon entry to the building:

Inside Drop-off:

- Go directly to your child's classroom and show your "green screen" at the classroom door.
- Respect social distancing: Please note any congestion at the classroom door and wait until the congestion clears before moving toward the door.
- Please follow the directional arrows on the floor and steps.

Outside Drop-off:

- **If your preschool classroom is in the sandbox area (on the playground) at drop-off**, you may now enter the playground and walk behind the climber with your child to the sandbox area gate. Your child will be met at the gate and only your child will enter the sandbox area. Please again walk behind the climber to exit the playground.
- **If your preschooler is on the playground in the morning**, please continue to drop off your child at the playground gate. Do not enter the playground.

Sibling Drop-off

- If you have a child in both the Spruce and the Sweet building, please drop-off your child in the Spruce building first.
- If you have two children in the Spruce building, please drop-off your youngest child first.
- If you have two children in the Sweet building, please drop-off your youngest child first.

Continued policies related to COVID-19:

1. ALL families will need to continue to complete the screening tool and show their "green screen" upon drop-off.
2. Adults and children ages two and older are required to wear a mask on PIC grounds at all times. If you do not have a mask when entering the PIC grounds, a disposable mask will be provided.
3. Children exhibiting any ONE of the following symptoms need to stay home from PIC: *a fever over 100 degrees, new cough, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath.*
4. Children exhibiting any TWO of the following symptoms will need to stay home: *nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion/runny nose, chills, rigors, muscle pain, headache, or sore throat.*
5. In order to return to PIC after symptoms above, families must provide (1) a negative COVID test result, (2) isolate for 10 days, or (3) bring a note from the child's physician stating that the symptoms are not COVID-related.
6. Anyone with an exposure to someone who has been diagnosed with COVID needs to quarantine for 14 days.
7. We follow the CDC recommendation to avoid large events and gatherings, indoor or outdoor.
8. We follow the CDC recommendation and discourage frequent gatherings (even small gatherings) with different unvaccinated households.
9. PIC policies regarding travel for unvaccinated people (including all children under the age of 12) who travel via plane, train or bus, continue to be required to quarantine before returning to PIC: 1) for 7 days with a negative test result or 2) for 10 days if no testing is performed.

Most importantly, we continue to urge everyone to get vaccinated when they are able.

We will continue to watch the level of COVID infection rate in our area and will make changes to our policies if a changing situation warrants doing so.

A huge thank you for your continued support as we stay safe together this summer.

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

Deb Green
Executive Director