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ECP COVID-19 Policy

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic, ECP has implemented policies to help keep our students and staff healthy. ECP will communicate changes to usual operations as they are implemented, based on guidelines from the Philadelphia Department of Health.

All parents will be required to sign an **ECP COVID Agreement** for their child, which outlines parents' responsibilities in monitoring their child's COVID-like symptoms as well as contact with those who have tested positive for the virus. Parents will also be required to take their child's temperature and complete an online health questionnaire for before bringing their child to ECP each morning.

All ECP and GJC Staff are required to complete a daily health questionnaire each morning before reporting to work.

Masking will be optional for staff, parents, and students beginning Wednesday, September 28th.

The initial series of COVID vaccine (two injections) plus one booster is required for all adults (staff and parents) in the ECP. COVID vaccination for students is encouraged but not required at this time.

WHEN AN EXPOSURE OCCURS: For children over 24 months who can mask, we will follow a mask-to-stay policy, which requires testing after 48 hours and again after 5 days. Following an exposure for those children who cannot mask (under 24 months or cannot or will not mask), we will follow a test-to-stay policy, which will require testing every 48 hours for the 10 days following exposure.

For an ONGOING EXPOSURE (someone in the home tests positive), children need to quarantine for 5 days. They can return after that time, with a negative test, if they can mask (and are over 24 months) for an additional 5 days. If a child cannot mask (under 24 months), they need to remain out of school for 10 days.

FOR CONFIRMED CASES: In children over 24 months who can mask, quarantine is 5 days at home, plus an additional 5 days of masking in school. For confirmed cases in children under 24 month or children who cannot or will not mask, the quarantine is 10 days at home.

The ECP may require masking after long breaks.

Policies may continue to change as guidelines and regulations from the Philadelphia Department of Health and Pennsylvania Department of Human Services are updated.