



## **Pre-K 4 SA Will Continue to Follow Mask/Shield and Other Safety Protocols**

Dear Pre-K 4 SA Families,

As you are likely aware, Governor Abbot announced yesterday his plans to lift the statewide mask mandate effective March 10.

### **Pre-K 4 SA to Continue Requiring Use of Face Masks and Shields by Children, Families and Staff in Centers and at Drop-Off/Pick-Up**

In accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the City of San Antonio's Metro Health Department, and our own consulting physician, Pre-K 4 SA will continue to require the use of face masks and shields until further notice. Your family's health and safety, and the health and safety of our teachers and staff continue to be my top priority.

Although we have seen improvements in COVID-19 cases in San Antonio over the last few weeks, COVID-19 remains a very real and serious threat. With that in mind, Pre-K 4 SA continues to follow a strict and comprehensive set of COVID-19 protocols put into place prior to the return of families this fall. These protocols were designed specifically to allow us to safely teach children in our Centers throughout the pandemic. These protocols include:

- ♦ extensive cleaning and sanitation;
- ♦ stringent face-covering protocols;
- ♦ daily health screening; as well as
- ♦ weekly asymptomatic testing of all staff.

Further, we ask that families watch for symptoms of COVID-19. Any of the following symptoms may indicate a possible COVID-19 infection:

- ♦ Fever (99.6 degrees Fahrenheit) or chills;
- ♦ Cough;
- ♦ Nasal congestion or runny nose;
- ♦ New loss of taste or smell;
- ♦ Sore throat;
- ♦ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing;

- ♦ Diarrhea, Nausea, or vomiting;
- ♦ Stomachache;
- ♦ Tiredness;
- ♦ Headache;
- ♦ Muscle or body aches; or
- ♦ Poor appetite

Any child with one or more COVID-19 symptoms is required to stay home. Before returning to the Education Center, the parent must provide proof the child has received a negative result on a COVID-19 PCR test. If the parent chooses not to have the child tested, the child must remain at home for 14 days. Also, any child who lives in a household where a member of that household is waiting for COVID-19 test results must remain home until a negative result is received.

### CDC TRAVEL GUIDELINES

In addition to these protocols, the CDC currently recommends the following precautions for those who travel out-of-state or abroad:

- ♦ Get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel AND stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.
- ♦ Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days.
- ♦ If your test is positive, isolate yourself to protect others from getting infected.
- ♦ If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.

Through adherence to these protocols, we have been successful at maintaining open Centers where our children can safely attend and learn. We must all do our part to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 as we continue to work together to bring the virus under control.

We understand that you may have questions or concerns, and I invite you to reach out to your Education Center Director. We remain here for you.

Sincerely,

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