



## **ACADEMY COVID-19 STIPULATIONS**

### **COVID-19 Exposure:**

If, within the last 10 days, any non-immune (**as defined below**) member of your household has a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 or has been in Close Contact with anyone who has a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, then all non-immune members of your household will not be permitted in school today.

In addition, all symptomatic individuals, including any immune individuals, must remain out of school unless cleared to return.

### **Individuals are considered “immune” if they are:**

- **Vaccinated:** Two weeks after completing the full course of vaccination.
- **For previously positive individual (with lab-confirmed case):** ten (10) days after the onset of symptoms, or, in the case of an asymptomatic individual, ten (10) days after the date tested.

### **Travel:**

If you have traveled internationally within the last 10 days, you will not be permitted to enter the Academy, unless you were fully vaccinated at the time of travel.

After the applicable exclusion period has passed, you/your household may return provided these three things have happened:

- (a) At least 10 days have passed since anyone in your household first experienced symptoms **and**
- (b) Symptoms have improved for anyone in your household that experienced symptoms (for example, cough or shortness of breath has improved) **and**
- (c) Your household has been fever-free for at least 72 hours without the use of fever-reducers.

\*Please note, depending on the circumstances we may require you to obtain clearance to return from a medical provider before return to the center will be allowed.

**Household members:** means anyone living or present in the household on a regular basis (e.g., houseguests, nannies, caregivers, home health workers, contractors, etc.) and includes anyone with pick up or drop off privileges at the Academy.

**Close contact:** Someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic individuals, 2 days prior to test date).

### **Factors to consider in determining Close Contact include:**

- Proximity
- Duration of exposure
- Whether the infected individual was symptomatic

### **Academy health check and illness policy—COVID-19**

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### **Illness:**

During the COVID-19 pandemic period, our Health Check & Illness Policy (both COVID and Non-COVID provisions) applies to all staff, children, and their household members.

For your child's comfort, and to reduce the risk of contagion, children must be picked up within 1/2 hour of notification of illness. Until then, your child will be kept comfortable and will continue to be observed for symptoms.

### **Daily health check:**

All staff, families, children, and their household members must conduct a check before coming into the center. Should you or any household member have any of the following COVID-19-like symptoms during the preceding 72 hours, we ask you to remain home and notify the Academy office.

- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Muscle Aches
- Difficulty Breathing
- New Loss of Taste or Smell
- Fever at or above the threshold temperature of **99.9° F**

All staff, families, children, and their household members must submit to a temperature check upon arrival at the center and must provide complete and accurate responses to the Daily Health Check. Anyone refusing to comply will not be permitted entry.

The Daily Health Check questions and the temperature threshold may be updated from time to time. All symptomatic individuals, including any immune individuals, must remain out of the center, unless cleared to return.

### **Symptoms—returning after exclusion:**

A symptomatic household will be required to remain out of the Academy for at least 10 days. There are, however, two options for a household to return earlier following an exclusion due to symptoms:

- **Early Return Confirmation:** A symptomatic individual who tests negative with a molecular (PCR) test and has been out of the center at least two full days will be able to return by providing a signed clearance of return by a medical provider.

**Clearance to Return:** If a medical provider assesses the symptomatic individual and provides acceptable clearance to return, then the individual will be cleared to return, and the ten (10) day exclusion period will not apply.

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**Clearance to return will also** be acceptable if a medical provider confirms in writing that:

- a) the individual has tested negative and can return when fever-free for at least 72 hours (without use of fever-reducers) and symptoms are resolving.
  
- b) there is an alternate diagnosis causing the COVID-like symptoms and the individual has tested positive for a confirmed non-COVID microbiological diagnosis, or negative for COVID-19 using a molecular or antigen test for SARS- CoV-2
  
- c) there is an alternate diagnosis causing the COVID-like symptoms.

**Students presenting with symptoms of an upper respiratory illness, or ear, nose, or throat infection:** must provide clearance to return pursuant to options a or b above, and option c will **not** be sufficient.

- Any unspecified diagnosis is presumed to be COVID-19 and the exclusion will continue.
- Clearance to return cannot be provided by a family member.
- Early return requirements may change, from time to time, based on current conditions.

### **REPORTING SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED CASE IN HOUSEHOLD:**

Notify the Academy office immediately if you become aware of any suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 in your household occurring within **14 days prior to or 48 hours after** any member of your household has been in present at the Academy.