



The Gingham Giraffe Preschool

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR FAMILIES

2021-2022

The current Covid-19 Health Crisis is a fluid situation and the protocols listed below are subject to change at any time. Any changes will be communicated to parents via email. Please add us to your safe sender list.

All Gingham Giraffe staff are vaccinated and will wear masks/face coverings during school hours. Temperature checks are done daily as with anyone entering the building. Visitors will be limited and will be required to be screened and masked. Most will be present when we are not in session.

After pulling up to the curb, please make sure masks/face coverings are worn by all, vaccinated or not, when exiting your vehicle. One family at a time will be screened with a quick temperature check. In addition, parents, guardians or caregivers will be asked a list of COVID-19 questions such as has your child been in close contact with anyone in the past 14 days that has COVID-19, is anyone in the household experiencing symptoms, etc. Taking your child's temp at home could prevent a trip and/or a tantrum.

A staff member will also do a visual check of your child, looking for signs of illness such as flushed cheeks, rapid and/or difficulty breathing or fatigue before allowing him/her to enter the building. Hands will be sanitized too.

Children are required to wear a mask inside and outside (unless it is over 80 degrees outside). Please practice mask endurance with your child. Have them wear the mask doing an activity they love. Make sure the mask covers your child's nose and mouth and fits comfortably. Mask breaks will occur when eating/drinking/napping. An extra mask should come to school daily.

Children may be grouped together with one other small group in the afternoon. This may occur for lunch, nap and enrichment classes.

If a child (or staff member) has a fever of 100.4 or above, they must stay home. You need to contact us immediately, should covid symptoms arise so we can act responsibly and safeguard everyone. Your child may return to school after 24 hours of being fever free without the aid of fever-reducing medication as long as no COVID-19 symptoms have developed. We will follow the guidance of the local health department regarding closure etc.

If your child has at least two of the following symptoms (i.e., chills, shivers, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, or congestion/runny nose), then they must stay home. Parents are expected to immediately notify Directors. A negative COVID-19 test is required to return. _____

If a child (or staff member) exhibits COVID-19 like symptoms (i.e., fever, dry cough, shortness of breath, chills, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, muscle aches, etc.) during school hours or develops a fever of 100.4 or above they will be separated from the group and sent home. Directors will follow up with next steps. _____

Gingham is required to immediately notify the local Board of Health and Office of Licensing of any possible or positive cases of COVID-19. _____

The local health officials will provide direction on whether a particular classroom or the whole school would be required to temporarily close if a child or staff member is sent home with COVID-19 like symptoms. _____

A child or staff member who has tested positive for COVID-19, can return to Gingham Giraffe after 10 days from the onset of symptoms, the resolution of their fever without the use of fever reducing medication and the resolution of respiratory symptoms.

A close contact is defined as a person who has been within 6 feet of someone with suspected or known COVID-19 for 15 or more minutes cumulatively during a 24-hour period. If a child is exposed to someone who is considered a close contact, then the following quarantine guidelines apply:

- Quarantine ends after 7 days with a negative COVID-19 test between day 5-7.
- Quarantine ends after 10 days with no test.

Since children are NOT yet vaccinated, the following travel guidelines apply after domestic travel:

- Quarantine ends after 7 days with a negative COVID-19 test between day 3-5.
- Quarantine ends after 10 days with no test.
2 Exemptions: Travel to neighboring state (i.e., NY, PA, CT or DE) does NOT need to quarantine. OR Travel to a state outside of NJ for less than 24 hours does NOT need to quarantine.

If a child becomes sick outside of school with a fever of 100.4 or more and/or with COVID-19 symptoms parents are expected to immediately notify Directors.

Families are asked to immediately notify Directors if they have any COVID-19 concerns. _____

I understand that requests for refund/reimbursement for absence due to illness, quarantine or school closure related to COVID-19 will not be granted. _____



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COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR FAMILIES RECEIPT

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Your signature on this form and initials by each item serves as acknowledgement that you have reviewed this document.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Caregiver's Name:

(Print) _____

Parent/ Caregiver's Signature:

Date: _____