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Hi Proverbs Place Family,

We have some items regarding the safety of our school family that we require all families and staff members to read and adhere to. With the Delta Variant affecting our community, COVID-19 will be more prevalent, and we have guidelines from Governor Northam and the Virginia Department of Social Services regarding mask wearing in childcare centers.

Items in this message are:

1. New Mask Requirements and Procedure (Children in Preschool and Pre-K classes)
2. New Proverbs Place COVID-19 guidelines

New Mask Requirement

In accordance with VDSS and Governor Northam's Phase III guidance requiring that children aged 5 and older wear masks in public settings and requirements that children in childcare centers wear masks when indoors, we at Proverbs Place will be supporting development of this skill and habit with all of our older children in the Preschool and Pre-K classes, not just 5 and older. For childcare centers, the specific requirement is mask wearing when indoors. It is also recommended that the children wear masks when in close proximity outdoors. In order to safely initiate our mask procedure, we are requesting your assistance with the following:

1. **All Preschool and Pre-K parents** will be required to provide a supply of five labeled masks in their students' backpacks. These can be cloth - washable or disposable masks.
 - We will place their soiled cloth masks in a bag and return them to you at the end of each day to be washed and /or replenished.
 - If you provide disposable masks, please check your count to make sure there are always five labeled masks in the backpack in addition to the one your child is wearing.
 - Keeping extras in stock at home will prevent having to wash them every night.
 - Always send your child to school with a clean mask (they should not wear the used one from the previous day).

2. **We will provide** individual mask straps that will keep the masks with your child during times when they are not wearing a mask such as during meals.
- Proverbs Place will sanitize the straps daily.
 - We imagine that children will sometimes go through several masks in a day depending on the activities and the learning curve of developing the skill to not touch their masks with their hands.
 - We will observe each child's comfort in wearing masks and accommodate as needed.
 - Mask breaks will be given throughout the day when the children are doing outside physically distanced activities.

This new procedure will go into effect immediately. Please reach out to the Director, if this is a financial burden that your family is not able to take on right now so that we can work together to assist you in purchasing masks.

COVID-19 Exposure Policy: Family/ Home Exposure

If a family/ house member has been exposed to COVID-19 the family must immediately notify Proverbs Place.

The Proverbs Place student(s) associated with the household must immediately be excluded from care as the family/ household member awaits COVID-19 results of the exposed family member. The COVID-19 test should be the PCR tests and not the Rapid tests as the Rapid test has proven to be less effective. The PCR test should be taken after at least a 5-day incubation period from the first date of exposure to COVID-19.

Negative test Results after a home Exposure

If the COVID-19 results of the exposed family/household member come back negative, the Proverbs Place student(s) may return to Proverbs Place as long as the family pledges to keep the Proverbs Place student(s) quarantined from the family/ household member that tested negative for the remainder of the 14-day recommended CDC/ Health Department quarantine time.

Positive test Results after a home Exposure

If the COVID-19 results of the exposed family/household member come back positive, the Proverbs Place student(s) must present a negative PCR COVID-19 test before returning to Proverbs Place.

If the exposed Proverbs Place students' test comes back negative, the Proverbs Place student(s) cannot return to Proverbs Place before their 14-day quarantine period per the CDC/ Health Department guidelines.

If the COVID-19 results of the exposed Proverbs Place student(s) come back positive, Proverbs Place must be notified immediately as this is now considered a School Exposure.

The positive Proverbs Place student(s) quarantine time will be determined on a case-by-case basis in collaboration with the Health Department.

Proverbs Place School Exposure

If the COVID-19 results of the exposed Proverbs Place student(s) come back positive, all parents of the exposed group will be notified immediately to pick up their children (including siblings) within the hour.

The Health Department will be notified by Proverbs Place within 24 hours.

The Health Department will reach out to the positive student's family to determine the correct Proverbs Place exposure dates.

The Health Department will then reach out to each family of the exposed group including teachers.

Based on your exposure dates, your testing timeline (incubation period) will be determined.

The Proverbs Place student(s) must present a negative PCR COVID-19 test before returning to Proverbs Place.

Negative test Results after a School Exposure

If the COVID-19 results of the exposed Proverbs Place student(s) come back negative, the Proverbs Place student(s) cannot return to Proverbs Place before their 14 day quarantine period per the CDC guidelines.

- Siblings of the exposed group do not need a COVID-19 test if their exposed sibling's test comes back **negative; however**, the non-exposed sibling must also quarantine from Proverbs Place

Positive test Results after a School Exposure

If the COVID-19 results of the exposed Proverbs Place student(s) comes back positive, Proverbs Place must be notified immediately.

The positive Proverbs Place student(s) quarantine time will be determined on a case by case basis in collaboration with the Health Department.

Siblings of the positive exposed student(s) must take a PCR COVID-19 test. If the sibling's results come back positive, Proverbs Place must be notified immediately so that Proverbs Place can start the COVID-19 procedures for the appropriate classroom/ group.

Please note that tuition will remain the same throughout an exposure as we continue to pay our teachers while they too are required to quarantine. If your family requires financial assistance to continue to pay tuition during the quarantine period, please contact the office.

You can find the information from the CDC here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html>

Thank you for helping to keep our school family safe.

We are wishing you well!

Proverbs Place Team
