Health and Safety Policies 2021-22
Update as of January 28, 2022

VACCINATION
All teachers and staff are required to be fully vaccinated and have a COVID-19 booster by February 1, 2022, or have a valid exemption. Documentation must be sent to the office coordinator.

ATTENDANCE AND SICK POLICIES
Any student or staff member exhibiting any of the symptoms below of possible COVID-19 virus infection cannot come to school:

- Fever or chills (100°F or greater)
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or abdominal pain
- New onset of severe headache
- Unexplained fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Cough (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)

Isolation Guidance for Children
Isolation periods for infants, toddlers, and Pre-K children who test positive for COVID-19 will remain at 10 days, with Day 0 being the day they tested positive or the day symptoms started (whichever came first). The child may return to the program on Day 11 as long as they have been fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, and symptoms are improving.

Updated Quarantine Guidance for Children
Children ages two through five years old can now return after 5 days of quarantine if they are asymptomatic and they test negative for COVID-19. They can return to the program on Day 6 if they test negative on a lab-based test administered by a healthcare professional on Day 5, or if they test negative on two at-home rapid tests taken on Day 4 and Day 5.

Children under two years old can return on day 8 of quarantine if they are asymptomatic and test negative for COVID-19 on Day 5 (or later) with a lab-based test administered by a healthcare professional ONLY. Please note that at-home tests are not considered valid for children under 2 years old unless used at the direction of a healthcare provider.
Please note that if a child has recovered from COVID-19 within the last three months, they do not need to quarantine or receive an at-home test kit following exposure unless they become symptomatic (new fever of 100 degrees F or higher, new cough, new sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, new shortness of breath).

Children that do not get tested can return to the school/program on Day 11 after completing a 10-day quarantine. If they become symptomatic during quarantine, please refer to the isolation guidance above.

**Linked here, please find a graphic** that outlines the differences between isolation and quarantine. As a reminder:

- **Isolation** is the practice of staying home, monitoring your health and separating from others when you have COVID-19 or COVID-19 symptoms. Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 must isolate. This means the individual should not go to the program and should not leave their home, except to seek medical care.
- **Quarantine** is the practice of staying home, monitoring your health and separating from others after being recently exposed to someone who has COVID-19. For early childhood populations, children must enter a precautionary quarantine period after being exposed to a COVID-positive person, while that person was infectious. While not sick or symptomatic, individuals in quarantine are helping to prevent the spread of COVID in the event they become infectious without knowing