

Health and Safety Policies for SY 2021/2022

To help ensure the health and safety of our students, families and staff we are adopting the following procedures based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Virginia Health Department (VDH). These policies will be updated as new information becomes available.

All staff and visitors to the ELC facilities will abide by the following:

- Properly wear protective facial coverings (masks) at all times within the building regardless of vaccination status. Masks will cover the entire nose to chin area of the face. This policy applies to all adults and children 2 years old and older. Students in the Parent's Morning Out (PMO) program will not be required to wear a mask.
- Practice social distancing as much as possible.
- If students or staff have a temperature above 100.4 degrees they cannot come to school until they are fever free for 24 hours **without** the aid of medication.
- While at school, if any student or staff exhibit symptoms such as fever of 100.4 or higher, cough or shortness of breath, nausea, or sore throat, a parent or guardian will be asked to pick up the child and take them home. Staff members will be sent home.
- Students will wash hands upon arrival each morning. Hand sanitizer will be used throughout the day in addition to more frequent handwashing.
- Any student or staff member that has been exposed to or tests positive for COVID-19 must follow the VDH and CDC recommendations for quarantine. The ELC **must immediately** be notified if any household member or close contact has a positive diagnosis for COVID-19.
- In the event of a positive COVID-19 diagnosis among the ELC community (students/families and staff), the school will inform local health authorities and anonymously communicate to ELC families.
- If a temporary classroom or school closing is warranted, the duration will be based on advisement from local health authorities on a case-by-case basis.

Additional information:

- Cleaning and disinfecting will occur in accordance with CDC guidelines. ELC will use an electro-static disinfecting system daily.
- A new HVAC system has been installed that includes ionic air purification equipment.