

# The Pen Ryn School

## **Health & Safety Protocols: Pen Ryn School: EDC program.**

The Pen Ryn School: EDC program is committed to ensuring the health and safety of our children, families and staff in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

*Effective Wednesday September 8, 2021, the health standards listed below will be followed across all of our child care and school age child care settings. Our health standards are based on the current guidelines and recommendations set forth by the CDC (Center for Disease Control), OCDEL (Office of Child Development and Early Learning), DHS (Department of Human Services), Bucks County Health Department and state guidelines. These standards are fluid and will continue to adapt to new recommendations. They are subject to change.*

**Masks:** Inside for children and teachers/staff: All children ages 2 and older as well as teachers/staff are required to wear masks while inside the school building.

**Masks may be taken off while:** ❖ Eating/Drinking ❖ While masks are off, staff will guide safe social distancing

**Outside for children:** Masks may be removed while playing outside. Teachers/staff will guide social distancing.

**Outside for teachers/staff:** Teachers/staff may remove masks while outside. Teachers/staff will practice social distancing.

### **Drop-off/Pick-up Policies**

**Daily Health Checks at Home, Prior to Arrival:** We kindly ask all parents/guardians to take your and your child's temperature every morning prior to coming into care. Remain home if your child has a fever or is feeling unwell (cough, aches, sore throat, runny nose, stomachache, etc.). Families will monitor their child for symptoms each day, and alert the nurse if there are symptoms that prevent the child from attending school/EDC

*Again, if your child is unwell, please remain home. Do not provide your child with fever reducing medication prior to entering into care so as to pass the daily health check; as this places our school/EDC and community at risk.*

**Monitoring Questions prior to school/EDC program:**

If any individual can answer YES to one of the health check questions below, the entire household cannot enter the school building

- Is anyone within the household feeling unwell? (Cough, aches, sore throat, runny nose, stomachache, etc.)
- Have you or anyone in your household been in contact or cared for a person with a lab confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Have medications been used to lower the child's temperature? ○ Have you or anyone in your household had a fever in the past 24 hours; temperature over 100.4?
- Have you or anyone in your household had a cough or shortness of breath that is new or worse than your baseline?
- Have you or anyone in your household experienced a loss of taste/smell?

***Pen Ryn School reserves the right to decline entry for any child and/or members of the household who looks and/or sounds unwell.***

**Possible Exposure to COVID-19:** Testing is critically important to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. If you have symptoms or have had a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, you should be tested regardless of your vaccination status. Quarantine if you have been in close contact (within 6 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone who has COVID-19, unless you have been fully vaccinated.

DO NOT ARRIVE TO SCHOOL or EDC, and call the school nurse immediately, if the unvaccinated or vaccinated child/individual: → Is demonstrating symptoms of COVID-19 → Is living in a household with a confirmed case of COVID-19 → Is living in a household with someone demonstrating symptoms of COVID-19 → Is considered to be a "close contact" (exposed for 15 minutes or more within 6 feet of distance - regardless of mask wearing)

**If demonstrating symptoms of COVID-19:** The child/individual may not return to school until proving a negative test result AND is symptom free. If the child/individual receives a positive

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test result, he/she may not return to school until completing a 10 day quarantine post the positive test result and is symptom free. A re-test is not required to return after this time frame.

- If COVID-19 exposure is NOT within the household, the following must occur to reenter into school/EDC program: The child/individual may not return to school until proving a negative test result taken at minimum 5 days post exposure.
- If COVID-19 exposure IS within the household, the following additional practices must be taking into consideration prior to reentering into school/EDC program: If results are positive, and the test was taken at minimum 5 days post exposure, student will quarantine for a minimum of 10 days post the positive test results and can return as long as he/she is symptom free. A re-test is not required to return after this time frame.
- If results are negative, and the test was taken at minimum 5 days post exposure, the negative household individual still needs to remain in quarantine for 10 days after the positive household individual completes his/her 10 days of quarantine. Or the negative household individual, if completely separated from the positive household individual, can test 5 days after the completion of the positive household individual's quarantine. If after waiting 5 days the test is negative, and the household individual is symptom free, the household individual can leave quarantine and return.

## Cleaning/sanitation procedures:

- The school building is cleaned nightly using an electrostatic sprayer on all high touch surfaces.
- Any shared materials are cleaned daily
- Restrooms and eating spaces are cleaned after use.
- Students and staff must wash hands before and after eating/drinking and using the restroom.
- The disinfectant used by the Pen Ryn School is an FDA approved cleaning product that is non-toxic for children, pets, and staff.