



FOLLOW ME CHRISTIAN

Early Education Center

January 5, 2022

Dear Parents:

This letter is to inform you that two children and 4 teachers in our care have tested positive for Covid-19. In addition, our cook has tested positive. We are anticipating results for several other teachers. All individuals who are in the following classrooms have had close contact with a positive case of Covid-19:

- The Monkeys
- The Chinchillas
- The Turtles
- The Penguins
- The Raccoons
- The Pandas
- The Kangaroos
- The Dolphins

If you do not have a child in the above classrooms, then we have no present basis to conclude that your child was in close contact as defined by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

In addition, guidance has been given that any classroom with a positive covid-19 case shall remain closed for a 10-day quarantine period. The teachers and other children of the above classrooms must also remain quarantined for 10 days. In addition, we must close Follow Me Christian for 48 hours so that we can disinfect and clean the entire facility. This is a Department of Health regulation, I apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause your family, but the health and safety of our children, families, and teachers is our number one priority.

To be clear, Follow Me Christian will be closed January 6th & 7th for ALL children and teachers. We will re-open on Monday, January 10th for the classrooms that have not had a positive case. This includes the Owls, the Frogs, the Alligators, the Bunnies, the Ducklings, the Polar Bears, & the Koala Bears. All other classrooms will remain closed the entire week of January 10-14, 2022.

If any child has symptoms including a fever, PLEASE keep your child home until they are symptom free or they have had a negative Covid-19 test. It is essential that we work together to keep the spread of this virus to a minimum.

Below, please find pertinent information on how this case is being handled between Follow Me Christian, The Department of Human Services, and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

For confirmed positive COVID 19-cases:

ANNOUNCEMENT: C-20-06 Revised

OFFICE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY LEARNING

BUREAU OF CERTIFICATION

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

SUNSET DATE: Ongoing

- If the child is in care when the test results are confirmed positive, the child should be isolated until the appropriate party arrives to pick them up.
- Follow the “Discontinuing at home isolation” guidance below for timelines on returning to the child care setting.
- The facility should close for a period of 48 hours following the confirmed positive COVID-19 case of child or staff member in attendance so that the facility can be cleaned and disinfected properly.
- The operator shall inform parents of enrolled children when there is a suspected outbreak of a communicable disease or an outbreak of an unusual illness that represents a public health emergency in the opinion of the Department of Health as per 55 Pa. Code §3270.136(b), §3280.136(b), and §3290.136(b).

*An outbreak is defined as a single positive COVID-19 case.

· The facility must report positive COVID-19 cases to the Department of Health (DOH) as per 55 Pa. Code §3270.136(d), §3280.136(d), and §3290.136(d). The facility must also report positive COVID-19 cases to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS).

I cannot thank you enough for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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