



# FOLLOW ME CHRISTIAN

## Early Education Center

November 8, 2020

Dear Parents:

This letter is to inform you that a child in our care has tested positive for Covid-19. All individuals who were specifically identified as having close contact with the child have been personally notified. If you have not received a personal notification, then we have no present basis to conclude that your child was in close contact as defined by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

According to our policies and procedures that we have in place, the classroom of the child that tested positive will remain closed for a 14-day quarantine. The teachers and other children of that classroom will also remain quarantined for 14 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.

The child with a positive Covid-19 test result did not show any symptoms of fever and cold until this afternoon. This child will not be readmitted until they complete a 14-day quarantine, they are symptom free, and they test negative for Covid-19. At this time, no other household members are showing symptoms. Please pray that he/she stays strong and gets well soon.

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

ISSUE DATE: June 23, 2020

REVISED DATE: July 8, 2020

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

SUNSET DATE: Ongoing

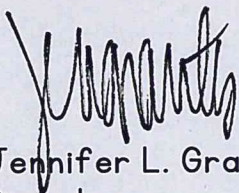
- If the child is in care when the test results are confirmed positive, the child should be isolated until the appropriate party arrives to pick them up.
- Follow the "Discontinuing at home isolation" guidance below for timelines on returning to the child care setting.
- The facility should close for 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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Director