

# Delta Mills Early Childhood Center COVID-19 Response Plan



## Operating Policies

- Drop Off and Pick Up:
  - Parents/Guardians will drop off and pick up their child(ren) in the classroom each day. If not in the classroom, please check the daily schedule. Please make drop off and pick up visits to the school abbreviated/quick, lasting just a few short minutes (as much as possible).
  - A staff member will be present in the front office during pick up and drop off times.
- Social Distancing in the Classrooms:
  - We will explicitly teach children how to properly wash hands and for how long and implement strategies that reinforce this behavior (hand washing songs, friendly reminders, etc.).
  - Breakfast, lunch and snacks will all be served in the classroom. Children will be spread out from one another, and teachers will foster group conversations with preschoolers while they eat.
  - During group learning activities, we will encourage 3-4 children at a time in a small group.
  - Children will be spaced as far apart as possible during rest, snack, and lunch times.
- Masks
  - Per our GLPS Board of Education, masks are optional for all staff and students.
  - We will follow all requirements of any mask mandates put into place by the State of Michigan Licensing Department, while also following requirements regarding mask mandates from our GLPS Board of Education.
- Playground/Gym
  - Classrooms will hold specific playground/gym times, separate from the other classrooms in the building.
  - One classroom will be allowed on the Delta Mills Playground/ in the Gym at a time.
  - High contact surfaces will be disinfected periodically each day.

## Health & Hygiene

- Parents will perform at home health screenings/temperature screenings of their child each school day. Children and staff with a temperature of 100 degrees or above will not be allowed access/remain at school.
- Parents will perform a health screening for their child and those who display ONE or more of the following symptoms will not be allowed inside the school (each situation will be dealt with on a case-by-case scenario):
  - Cough (new uncontrolled cough)
  - Fever present of 100.0 or higher (or in the last 24 hours)
  - Vomiting, Diarrhea or Abdominal Pain
  - Headache
  - Sore Throat
  - Difficulty Breathing (for students with asthma, a change from their baseline breathing)
- We will provide disposable face masks to all employees. Staff may choose to wear their own cloth face covering if they choose. Staff have the option to wear a mask during their shift.

- A separate isolation room is prepared in the event of a student feeling ill while at the school. If a child is not feeling well or suspected of being ill, we will:
  - Place a staff member with the child to monitor their condition and provide social support (while still social distancing). We will offer a face mask to the staff member monitoring the symptomatic child. The staff member can decide if they want to wear one during the time of monitoring a symptomatic student.
  - Contact parents/guardians immediately. It is expected that an adult arrives to Delta Mills within 30 minutes to pick up the child from our care.
- If a staff member or child exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, the individual must stay home until they:
  - Have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of medicine that reduces fevers **AND**
  - Symptoms have improved **AND**
  - Either ONE of the following:
    - Provide an alternate diagnosis from a medical provider (Physician, NP or PA) **OR**
    - Negative COVID test **OR**
    - 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
- A student may return to school with a doctor's note/negative Covid-19 test clearing them of current symptoms.
- Regular PCR tests are preferred. Due to the validity concerns with the rapid tests (especially for small children), we are recommending that all return to school test results are in PCR form. Email test results to [lcpdeltamills@glcomets.net](mailto:lcpdeltamills@glcomets.net).
- If a staff member, student, family member, or visitor is diagnosed with Covid-19 symptoms, we will:
  - Contact the local health department for the next steps. We will also make the Licensing Department aware.
  - Staff or Parents of the positive student should contact the COVID Health Line (517-425-5725) and Delta Mills Early Childhood Center (517-425-5600) as soon as they are aware of test results. If after hours, an email to [lcpdeltamills@glcomets.net](mailto:lcpdeltamills@glcomets.net) and [health@glcomets.net](mailto:health@glcomets.net) is expected.
  - Notify all parents/guardians of the situation while respecting the privacy of any involved families/individuals.
- If your child has had an exposure to an individual with Covid-19 in the last 5 days, it is expected your child not attend preschool until that quarantine is over. The quarantine is days zero-five out of school and then five additional days of self monitoring (where the child will follow a strict mask to stay policy). Mask to stay means your child can return to school wearing a tightly fitting face mask throughout the entire school day. The child may take off their face mask for meals and rest time (placed 6 ft. away from others). Exposure quarantines may be extended if the child is not isolating from the Covid-19 positive individual in their home.
- If anyone in your household is awaiting Covid-19 test results, it is expected that your child does not attend school, until negative results are received.
- If a child tests positive for Covid-19, per State of Michigan licensing they will be out of school for ten days so they can complete their isolation period at home.
- If your child has received the Covid-19 vaccine, please provide a copy of their verification card to the front office for your child's student file.
- Failure to immediately report positive student test results or possible exposure to Breanna Gleeves or Maria Dionise Kurdunowicz may result in immediate termination from Preschool.

## Cleaning & Disinfecting

- Custodial staff will use disinfectant foggers daily.
- We will routinely sanitize high contact surfaces like door handles, sink faucets, light switches, playground/ gym equipment, etc.
- Staff will be constantly monitoring for symptoms, cleaning, and sanitizing throughout the day.
- Staff will disinfect the classroom and supplies at the end of the school day.

## Preparedness & Planning

- All staff will receive training in proper face mask usage, social distancing techniques, sanitizing and disinfecting procedures, and how to perform health screenings.
- We will have staff members "on deck" in case a staff member becomes ill while on the job. This will ensure each room will have a staff member able to work with the students.

## Communication

- Our COVID – 19 Response Plan and Modified Parent Handbook have been made available to all families. Our COVID- 19 Response Plan is posted on our Delta Mills website.

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