

## **Gloria Dei Preschool COVID -19 POLICY 2022-23**

The CDC updated their operational guidance for Early Care Education programs on 8/11/22. Gloria Dei Preschool is relaxing COVID-19 policies to reflect this change.

The CDC recommends staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations as it is the leading public health strategy to prevent severe disease.

### **Staying Home When Sick**

- People who have symptoms of respiratory or gastrointestinal infections, such as cough, fever, sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea, should stay home and may **return to school when symptom free for 24 hours, without fever reducing medication.**
- People who test positive for COVID-19, must stay home for at least 5 days. The start of symptoms is day 0. People are most infectious during these first 5 days.
- People who are exposed to COVID-19 no longer need to quarantine regardless of vaccination status. An exposed person should stay home and get tested if symptoms occur.

### **Hand Hygiene**

- Proper handwashing will be reinforced before and after eating, after using the bathroom and recess.
- Hand sanitizers may be used with adult supervision and stored out of the reach of children.

### **Cleaning**

- Surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- Classrooms, bathrooms and play areas are professionally cleaned every evening.

### **Masking**

- Masks are not required unless there is an outbreak of COVID-19. If this occurs, we will work with the Montgomery County Department of Public Health to receive guidance to reduce transmission, which may include masking, improving ventilation, opening windows and doors, etc.

**This policy is subject to change according to local Health Department or CDC recommendations.**

