

**Wesley Learning Center**  
**\*Updated Center Policies\***

**August 2021**

Until further notice, Wesley Learning Center will be implementing the following policies and procedures in order to limit the spread of infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, to the maximum extent possible:

**Summary of Enhanced Protocols:**

We are continually updating our processes and protocols in accordance with the most recent Center for Disease Control (CDC), Newtown Health Department and the State of CT guidance.

**Daily Health Check**

Upon arrival, all children and staff will be screened for obvious signs of illness. If staff, children or caregivers present with obvious signs of illness, your child will not be allowed to enter the school building. If children are deemed healthy, children will be escorted into the building directly to a sink to thoroughly wash their hands with a staff member. Once hand washing is complete, the staff member will escort the child(ren) to the appropriate classroom. **Until further notice, no caregivers will be permitted into the building.**

**Precautionary Measures/Illness Policy**

The health and well-being of our families and staff are our highest priorities. **All staff, families, children and their household members must conduct a daily health check before coming to the center.** In the interest of limiting the opportunity for transmission of illness to others, we are taking the following measures:

- Your child must remain at home if he/she or any member of your household has or has been in close contact with anyone who has:
  - o A suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 for 14 days after the last potential exposure. Your child may return after 14 days provided these things have happened:
    - At least 10 school days have passed since any household member first experienced symptoms **and**
    - Symptoms have improved for any household member that experienced symptoms such as cough and shortness of breath **and**
    - The household has been fever-free for at least 72 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines.
    - Please note that we will require medical clearance before your child is permitted to return to the center.

- Should you or your child have any of the following symptoms, your child must remain home and you must notify WLC as stated in our Parent Handbook on pages 17 & 18: fever of 100F or higher, cough, sore throat, muscle aches, difficulty breathing, loss of sense of smell or taste or rash of unknown origin.
- Per pre-existing policy, any student who exhibits symptoms must remain out of school for 72 hours after being fever free without any medications.
- Should a staff member or child have a positive COVID-19 test, that classroom will close for 14 days and all members of that classroom shall quarantine for 14 days from date of last exposure to that individual. Since we are keeping all classes separate, the entire school will not need to be closed.

### **Change in Classes**

Classes will not co-mingle at any point during school hours to maintain social distancing and to allow us to do internal contact tracing in the event of an infected child or teacher.

### **Masks**

All children ages 3 and over, along with all staff, must wear a mask while inside the school except while eating. Mask breaks will be given as needed. All adults will be required to wear a face covering when on Wesley Learning Center property. Children and adults are allowed to remove their masks when outside on the playground unless you request, in writing, that you want your child to wear a mask outdoors.

### **Snack and Lunch/Personal Belongings**

- We are a peanut/tree nut free facility.
- All lunchboxes must contain an ice pack as per state mandated regulations.
- Until further notice, we will no longer be heating food for snacks or lunches.
- All tables will be sanitized before and after meal times.
- Children will be spaced accordingly to promote safe social distancing to the best of our ability.
- No glass containers are allowed

### **Health and Hygiene Practices**

Our regular health and hygiene practices provide some of the best defenses against the spread of most contagious illnesses. In addition to thorough cleaning of classrooms, surfaces and toys, we teach children: proper hand-washing practices, sneeze or cough into your elbow and avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth. We would appreciate it if you would work on this at home also.

If a child or staff member who has been present in the program is diagnosed with COVID-19, WLC will notify families and staff about the exposure. In February 2020, COVID-19 was added to the List of Reportable Diseases. Those required to report such diseases must report cases of COVID-19 infection immediately to the Connecticut Department of Public Health and to the Newtown Department of Health on the day of recognition.

### Travel Recommendations

We will be following the CDC Guidelines for domestic travel. Please review the following link should you chose to travel: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>. All children at our center would fall into the unvaccinated category and would need to follow these guidelines after traveling as per the CDC:

- Get tested with a [viral test](#) 3-5 days after travel **AND** stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.
  - Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I have read, understand and agree to comply with the provisions listed herein.

I understand that while present at Wesley Learning Center each day my child will be in contact with children and employees who are at risk of community exposure. I understand that no list of restrictions, guidelines or practices will remove 100% of the risk of exposure to COVID-19 as the virus can be transmitted by persons who are asymptomatic and before some people show signs of infection. I understand the risk of possible exposure to COVID-19 and I understand that I play a crucial role in keeping everyone at Wesley Learning Center safe and reducing the risk of exposure by following the practices outlined herein.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_