



Dear CCEP Families,

We are rounding the corner on our way to Christmas Break. As my children announce each morning, only 6 more wake-ups until break. Our primary and Pre-K students are doing great with wearing masks inside and everyone has come dressed for the colder weather this week, so we can still have plenty of outdoor time. I continue to appreciate the caution and care each family takes to protect our school community to not only allow us to remain open, but to keep our students and teachers safe.

Towards the end of last week we received several new recommendations and mandates from the CDC, our Governor, and DPH. Based on this information and the current state of things, our Board of Trustees have updated our current COVID policies (new policy bolded).

<i>What should I do if my child tests positive?</i>	<i>What should I do if my child has symptoms of COVID-19?</i>	<i>What should I do if my child has been in close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes within 24 hours) with someone who tests positive?</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child should isolate and follow directions of healthcare provider and OCCL regulations* Contact the school immediately, so that we can contact DPH Documentation from your doctor and/or the Delaware Division of Public Health OR a Negative test result is required to return to school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child should not come to school and follow OCCL regulations* Call healthcare provider to determine next steps Students must take a COVID test within 24 hours if the Head of School or a health professional suspects that your child may have been infected with COVID 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child should quarantine and follow OCCL regulations* Parent should monitor child for symptoms Child should follow directions from healthcare provider/DPH Contact tracer Child must take a COVID test within 24 hours if an immediate family member tests positive or a health care professional suspects that your child may have been infected with COVID.

*Found in Appendix E of our online parent handbook and linked online in our COVID-19 section

Health Screens

Please continue to diligently and accurately complete your child's health screen each morning on Brightwheels.

Travel

The state of Delaware does not currently have travel restrictions in place for domestic travel. Families who travel internationally to areas identified by the CDC as having travel restrictions must inform the school. We are currently requiring a 14-day quarantine period for all students returning from level 3 COVID risk countries, which includes most of the globe. **We request that if you plan to travel domestically over the holidays you let us know and consider keeping your children home for 7 days upon your return to monitor for symptoms.**

We are committed to maintaining our current school calendar which includes remaining open through December 18th and reopening from break on January 4th. I often talk about how "it takes a village," this reflection has never been more true than when used to discuss facing COVID. Thank you for your commitment to making safe choices to protect our students and teachers, and to helping all of our families by being able to remain open.

Warmly,

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Head of School



How to Get Tested

1. New Castle County Pop Up (curative, mouth swab) testing locations and registration can be found here:
<https://www.newcastlede.gov/2077/Curative>
2. Delaware At-Home Test kit (Vault, spit in a tube) information can be found here:
<https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/testing/home-test-kit/>
3. The State provides regular testing through several different venues. For the most up-to-date information, please check here:
<https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/testing>
4. Several pediatrician offices have rapid tests available and can provide the nasal “tickle” test right in the office for symptomatic children.