

2024 St. Timothy Preschool ~ Illness/Covid 19 Parent/Guardian Agreement

To protect our children and staff, I agree to keep my child at home if he/she has:

- Fever (a temperature of 100.4 or more when taken by mouth)
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Eye discharge that is yellow or pussy
- Mucus that is green (infection)

If my child has any of signs of illness, I will not send him/her back to school until:

My child is symptom-free and fever-free for at least 24 hours (without medication).

If my child is diagnosed with COVID-19, I will notify the school. I will not send him/her back to school until the following:

My child is symptom-free and fever-free for at least 24 hours (without medication) and willing to wear a mask for 5 calendar days.

This shift to treating COVID-19 like other respiratory viral illnesses is in alignment with guidance from the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH), and comes as the data in our region has shown greater immunity against the virus, with declining hospitalizations and deaths. That said, it is still important to be careful. Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 should still take the following precautions:

1) Stay home if you have symptoms and remain home until are symptom-free and fever-free for at least 24 hours (without medication).

2) Wear a well-fitted mask for 5 calendar days after their return to school. (if child will not where a mask please keep your child home for 5 calendar days before returning to school)

3) Practice good hygiene – wash hands regularly with soap and water or hand sanitizer, and cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue.

4) Parents/guardians should notify the school if their child tests positive for COVID-19 or is diagnosed with any contagious illness.

In the event of a school-wide or classroom outbreak, impacted students and families will continue to be notified.