



Greeting KCI families,

As we move into summer, we wanted to inform you that KCI will be making some changes to our COVID-19 mitigation strategies. The **changes will go into effect Tuesday May 31st** and are summarized below

Beginning May 31st, 2022:

- Masks will be optional for all students and staff. If you would like your child to continue to wear a mask, please let your center director, teacher or family advocate know and we will continue to provide them for your child and encourage them to wear it.
- Daily health screenings will no longer be required at drop off. Please continue to monitor your child for symptoms of illness and keep them home if they are feeling unwell.
- Visitors will be welcome participate in classroom/center activities. We are happy to be able to welcome you back into the classrooms. Head Start encourages family participation in the program and we have missed having you in our classrooms.

In addition to the bullet points above, we will also be easing up on our symptom-free policy for attendance. Beginning May 31st, children will be able to attend the program after experiencing symptoms of an illness if numbers 1, 2 and 3 below are met:

1. They have tested negative for COVID-19 (documentation required) **or** it has been over 5 days since symptoms started
and
2. They have been fever-free for at least 24 hours (without using a fever reducer)
and
3. Symptoms have improved*

*For the purposes of returning class onsite, symptoms have improved means that **all** the following are true:

- The child no longer feels ill
- The child can keep up with their daily routine just as they did before they were ill
- Any remaining, lingering symptoms are very mild and do not interfere with the child's daily living

Please be aware that mask requirements, daily screening and symptom-free policies may be reinstated at any time if they become necessary due changes in the pandemic and the public health conditions in our community.

If you have any questions about these changes, please talk to your center director or family advocate.

Wishing you well,

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