

Little Blessings Christian Childcare Center

Mask Update

March 7, 2022

Dear Parents,

On February 28, 2022 the CDC and CT DPH lifted the mask mandate for children in grades K-12 and switched to a "mask optional" model. Both organizations deferred to the Office of Early Childhood for a decision on childcare settings.

In response, the OEC released the following statement:

"While the statewide requirements for mask wearing by children and staff in child care and youth camp facilities will no longer be in place, the Office of Early Childhood, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, recommends the continued use of facial covering masks by children and staff in these settings."

After careful and thorough deliberation and taking into account the continued and steady decline in COVID rates, Little Blessings will move to a "mask optional" model as of Monday, March 14, 2022, FOR CHILDREN ONLY. Daily health checks and temperature readings will continue.

For the present time, until we can evaluate the conditions further, staff will continue to wear masks while inside and in close contact with children outside.

Conditions and policies for optional mask wearing and quarantine periods:

1. Children with any signs of illness (runny nose, cough, low grade fever) will be kept home until symptoms are gone.
2. Little Blessings has the right to ask children to resume wearing masks if they feel that there is a health and safety need such as an increase in COVID rates.
3. Little Blessings has the right to ask your child to wear a mask if they feel they are not feeling well and are exhibiting COVID symptoms until they can be picked up from class.
4. Children that are traveling out of state for more than a 24 hour period, will need to quarantine for 72 hours and then present a negative PCR test before returning to school.
5. Children that have a positive case of COVID will need to quarantine for 10 days before returning, symptom free, to school.
6. Children that are exposed to a close positive case of COVID must quarantine for a minimum of 8 days before taking a PCR test and may return to school when negative results are presented.

While we look forward to this first step towards getting back to a normal way of life, Little Blessings reserves the right to update and change any of the above policies without notice according to the guidance of the CDC, DPH, local health department or Office of Early Childhood.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robin Costa, Director